

Dear Arreah,

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Thanks for the letter! I can't believe the school year is already coming to a close soon. Your activities in science class sound fun! I hope your shoe box project goes well. Learning about Egypt in school was always my favorite - It's what got me interested in archaeology. One year in 6th grade I made a pyramid that housed a mummy I made!

Have a great time on your cruise to Florida! I've never been on a cruise, but it sounds like a blast.

I hope you have a great summer. Sounds like you'll be keeping busy! This summer I'm heading down to New Mexico to do archaeology in June & July. We will be working in an area that has not been examined for pre-historic evidence yet. This means that we will be systematically walking over the surface of the area & looking for evidence that people used to live there (ex: remains of houses, garbage). We will then put this info. into a computer which will tell us where these locations are on the map. This process is called survey work. It's the first step archaeologists take when investigating the area. Eventually, our findings will be used to figure out where we should dig, but this part will be years down the road.

I'm not sure if you will be starting a new school once you go into 6th grade. If so, have a great time! I hope you enjoyed our letters this year & they got you interested in some aspect of science! I wish you all the best in your continued studies!

Your friend,
Sam