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## **"Never Ending Summer"**

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**What** In this skit, Ms. Roberts and Graham realize that, even though their summer is about to end, the school year can be just as fun and exciting.

Theme: School, Summer, Fresh Start, New Day, Positive Attitude

**Who** Ms. Roberts - adult  
Graham - school age child  
Mr. Franklin - adult  
Susie - school age child

**When** Present Day

**Costumes** Summer Attire for Actors (including Sun Hat for Ms. Roberts), Summer Gear for Ms. Roberts and Graham (i.e. Flippers, Goggles, Sunglasses, Beach Bag, Beach Towels, Swim Noodles/Floats, Beach Balls, Flip Flops, Swim Snorkels, Tennis Racket/Balls), White Face Paint if desired

**Props** 2 Beach Chairs, Frozen Popsicle, Watch

**Why** Psalm 118:24, Psalm 15: 13-15, Phillipians 4:8

**How** Actors should work on timing to ensure that actions appear natural even when ensuring simultaneous movement. While this skit was written for two males and two females, the names can be changed to accommodate other available actor combinations. Mr. Franklin should wear a watch.

**Time** 5-7 minutes

**Ms. Roberts** enters stage left and **Graham** enters stage right at the same time as the skit begins. They both head toward center stage. **Graham** is skipping and excited. **Ms. Roberts** is relaxed and appears content. Both actors stop halfway to center stage and look out at the audience as if the sun is in their eyes and smile.

**Graham:** Pool time!

**Ms. Roberts:** *(sighs contentedly)* I love summer.

Both actors resume walking until they reach center stage. They keep their backs to one another as they set up their beach chairs simultaneously. They rearrange their props around them as if setting up at the pool and then both sit down at the same time, relaxing into their chairs which are still some distance apart.

**Graham:** *(to self)* No books.

**Ms. Roberts:** *(to self)* No lesson plans.

**Graham:** Swimming.

**Ms. Roberts:** Sun.

**Both:** *(dragging out the word)* Summer.

**Ms. Roberts** and **Graham** slide down in their chairs, lean their heads back, and relax. **Mr. Franklin** and **Susie** enter stage left. **Susie** is eating a popsicle and chatting happily with **Mr. Franklin**. **Mr. Franklin** is smiling as he listens to his daughter talk excitedly. They are walking toward center stage.

**Susie:** *(energetic and without taking a breath)* Dad, can you believe how hot it is? Thanks for the popsicle. I really had fun at the pool. Can you believe I learned how to jump off the diving board this summer? Do you think we could go to the park on the way home? I love –

**Mr. Franklin:** *(stopping before reaching Ms. Roberts and Graham and interrupting gently as he notices Ms. Roberts)* Susie, I'm glad you enjoyed today. We might be able to go the park, but *(nodding in Ms. Robert's direction)* isn't that one of the teachers at your school?

**Mr. Franklin** and **Susie** start moving again toward center stage and stop next to **Graham** and **Ms. Roberts**.

**Susie:** *(squeals happily with loud delight)* Ms. Roberts!!! And, Graham! What are you doing here? Weren't you in Ms. Robert's class last year? Are you having a good summer? Have you gone swimming yet? Look! *(gesturing to popsicle)* I got a popsicle!

**Mr. Franklin:** *(kindly reminding)* Susie. Let Ms. Roberts and Graham get in a word, honey. *(nodding as he greets them)* Hi Ms. Roberts. Graham.

**Graham** and **Ms. Roberts** look startled from the exchange, surprised to see one another and then **Susie** and her dad. **Ms. Roberts** recovers first, stands up and smiles to greet **Susie** and her dad.

**Ms. Roberts:** Hi, Mr. Franklin! Good afternoon, Susie. It sounds like you have been having a lovely day. I haven't been swimming yet, but just started relaxing in the sun. And *(laughs at self and looks sheepishly at Graham)* I honestly didn't realize Graham was here. I just arrived. But, hello, to you, too, Graham.

**Graham:** *(cheerfully hops out of chair)* Hi, Ms. Roberts. Hi, Mr. Franklin. Hey, Susie.

**Susie:** *(continuing chattiness)* I love your hat, Ms. Franklin! Where did you get it? Can you believe I'm going into second grade this year? Are you going to teach second grade, Ms. Roberts? Graham, do you think we'll ride the same bus again? I hope so!

**Graham** and **Ms. Roberts** look polite but overwhelmed by **Susie's** questions as if not sure who should answer first and what questions to answer.

**Mr. Franklin:** *(good-naturedly)* Okay, okay, Susie. Let them enjoy the pool. *(looks down at watch)* Plus, we've got to get going if you want to make it to the park. Good to see you both!

**Mr. Franklin** gestures for **Susie** to join him in walking again and waves at **Graham** and **Ms. Roberts**.

**Susie:** Yippee! The park! *(waves and calls over her shoulder as she follows her dad)* Bye, Ms. Roberts and Graham! See you at Back to School Night next week.

**Susie and Mr. Franklin** exit stage right as **Ms. Roberts** and **Graham** look horrified and slide glumly and simultaneously back into their chairs.

**Both:** *(deflated)* Next week?

**Graham:** *(to self)* I thought we had at least a month before we had to go back to school.

**Ms. Roberts:** *(to self)* How can it already be time to go back?

**Graham:** *(puts elbows on knees and rests chin on hands)* I'm not ready for homework.

**Ms. Roberts:** *(puts elbows on knees and rests chin on hands in same posture as Graham)* I'm not ready to grade papers.

**Graham:** *(holds head in hands forlornly)* Listening to lessons.

**Ms. Roberts:** *(holds head in hands forlornly in same posture as Graham)* Teaching the lessons.

**Graham** and **Ms. Roberts** suddenly lift heads with a look of alarm, facing the audience.

**Both:** ALARM CLOCKS!

**Graham** and **Ms. Roberts** turn as if noticing one another for the first time again and then slump again in chairs. **Ms. Roberts** tries to rally as she notices **Graham's** sadness. She sits up and addresses **Graham**.

**Ms. Roberts:** *(trying to cheer up Graham)* Did you have a good summer?

**Graham:** *(stops slumping while happily reminiscing)* Yeah. Hey, did you know I learned how to jump from the high dive last month?

**Ms. Roberts:** No, I didn't, but that's amazing! I bet that was scary at first?

**Graham:** It was, but once I learned how to do it, it was awesome!

**Ms. Roberts:** I felt the same way spelunking for the first time this summer.

**Graham:** Spe-what? What is that?

**Ms. Roberts:** It means exploring caves.

**Graham:** That's cool! Did you see any bats?

**Ms. Roberts:** *(laughs at his excitement)* No bats this time, but lots of beetles and snails. It was really dark, but I loved it once I got used to it.

**Graham:** I'd like to learn that. You know what I really liked doing this summer?

**Ms. Roberts:** *(curious)* What?

**Graham:** Riding my bike with my little brother. We built a ramp in the backyard, and I taught him how to ride without his training wheels.

**Ms. Roberts:** Wow! You must be a good teacher!

**Graham** beams at the compliment. Then both pause, smiling as if thinking about their summer.

**Ms. Roberts** begins laughing to self as if realizing something.

**Ms. Roberts:** You know what, Graham?

**Graham:** *(curious)* What?

**Ms. Roberts:** It seems like we've been teaching and learning all summer long – just like we do during the school year.

**Graham:** *(thinking and then smiling)* You're right!

**Ms. Roberts:** And we had a good time this summer, didn't we?

**Graham:** We did!

**Ms. Robert:** Then I think we should both have that same attitude when we go back to school next week. Or at least try. We already know that learning and teaching can be fun if we want it to be. What do you think, Graham?

**Graham:** I think that's a good idea. I'm in, if you are!

**Ms. Roberts:** Deal! It'll be a never-ending summer!

*Both **Ms. Roberts** and **Graham** lean back in their chairs and prop their hats back over the faces relaxing.*

**Graham:** Ms. Roberts?

**Ms. Roberts:** Yes, Graham.

**Graham:** Do you think we can do anything about the alarm clock?

**Ms. Roberts:** Unfortunately, no.

**Graham:** At least we have another week.

**Ms. Roberts:** One more week. A little time to learn something new. Any ideas?

**Graham:** Have you ever gone bungee jumping?

**Ms. Roberts:** Mmmm... maybe it *is* about time to go back to school.

*Lights down.*