

## Independent Study Contract

Going on an adventure? Have a wonderful time seeing and learning new things. All items brought to share or turned in will be returned. Remember that these activities are due the day you return to school.

You must complete number 1, 2, 3 and 4:

1. Keep a daily journal. Write at least one page a day to tell about places you visit, people you come in contact with, and your feelings about both. Try to “paint a picture” with the words.
2. Take photos during your adventure. Have them developed and arrange them in an album or journal with captions describing each photo (due 1 week of return date).
3. Create a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast your destination to Reno. Include information such as people, culture, geography, weather, plants, animals, and unique characteristics.
4. Take a map that includes your travels and destinations. Mark the route you take when traveling to and from locations. Graph the distances you traveled while using different modes of transportation (car, airplane, bus, bicycle...)

Choose and complete 1 activity from 5 -7:

5. Write an information report about one major attraction or event. Include answers to: who, what, where, when, why and how.
6. Write a descriptive paragraph about each town that was on your route. Include how long you were there, interesting events, what the weather was like, and the town’s main businesses. Tell what you liked or disliked about the town.
7. Write a persuasive essay to your parents describing either why you would like to stay on vacation or return to Reno.

Choose and complete 3 of these activities from 8 - 12:

8. Gather travel brochures from the locations you visit. Select your favorite place and create your own brochure describing in detail why others should visit.
9. Make a “Trip Dictionary”. Collect words from signs, tour guides, conversations and literature. Alphabetize all words before turning them in, and underline words brand new to you.
10. What foods did you eat? Were there new foods that you tasted? Create a vacation menu to explain what they looked like and how they were prepared. Compare the taste to some other food you already know.
11. Write a letter or postcard to the class. Mail this from your destination to the class at: Hunsberger Elementary, 2505 Crossbow Ct., Reno NV 89511.
12. Collect music unique to the area you are visiting. Bring it back to share with the class.