

# Stay Connected - Extra Credit!



Dear Family,

Did you know that Enlighthium Academy (EA) is rewarding students with extra credit opportunities? Extra credit can be received by writing reflection essays after going on educational field trips and for submitting book reports after reading classic literature? We want learning to be fun and rewarding!

Many of us have lived in the same city for a long time, but have never taken the time to go visit the museums, art galleries, or historical sites that are near us. We want our students to learn as they are exploring! When your family goes on an educational field trip to a site near you or even on a cross-country road trip, encourage your child to take notes on what he or she is learning and to take pictures of the locations visited. Here is what needs to be done to earn the extra credit:

- 1) Write an essay with grade-level appropriate length, grammar, and formatting.
  - a. Be sure the essay is at least 5 paragraphs long and includes an introduction, at least 3 specific details, and a conclusion.
  - b. Essay length requirements:
    - 3rd–5th grade - at least 150 words
    - 6th–8th grade - at least 350 words
    - 9th–12th grade - at least 500 words
- 2) Submit the essay to the teacher for the relevant subject in order to have extra credit added to the unit your student is currently working on. The final score for the essay will replace a graded quiz score. Students may submit one essay per unit per subject for as many units as there are in their curriculum. Each essay can only be submitted once and can be used only for one subject.
- 3) Submit an image of yourself at the location you visited.

Students also have the option to read classic literature and submit book reports for extra credit. More information on EA's reading program can be found [here](#).



More *Stay Connected* letters can be found on the EA website on the [Resources](#) page under "Stay Connected."

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." -Benjamin Franklin*



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