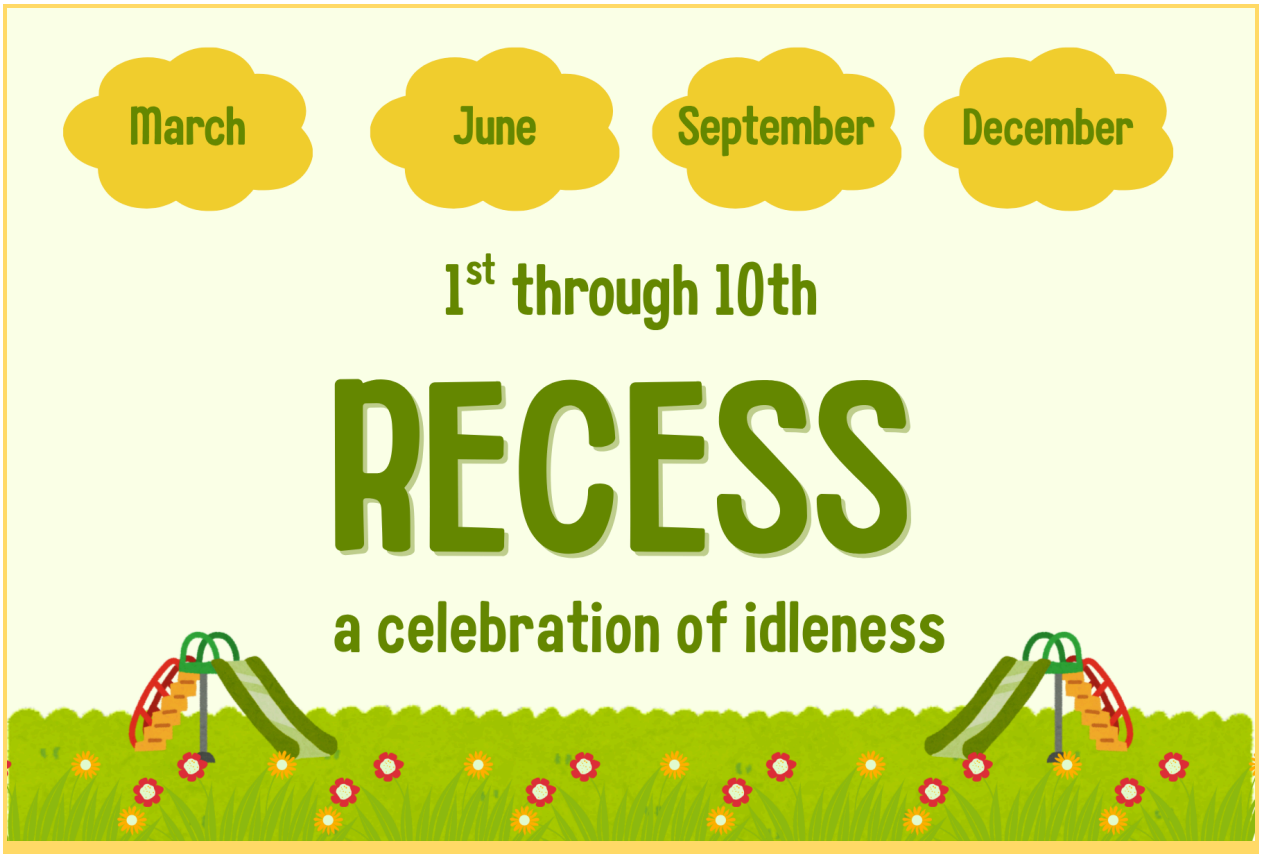
Welcome

If you want to join us, request edit access!



Welcome to the 15th season of RECESS

Recess is a practice in attention and idleness. For ten days, we will slow our attentions and follow our intuitions and flights of fancy. Whether we write a poem every day or not. Whether we read everyone's poems promptly or catch up when we can.

When you're a part of Recess, you have the opportunity to visit other people's consciousnesses. You get to interrupt the mundanity of daily life with a visit to the celestial, cerebral, silly, absurd, and sublime personas that others create.

Recess is a communal celebration and playspace. We gather as a practice in attention. The freedom and flexibility of asynchronous online communication, with the intimacy of a sacred space.

Recess is not about producing quality goods. It's not an accountability cheer squad or a workshop. It is a place to honor our inner children, to follow our whimsy, and to play with ideas.

What makes Recess special is you. The joy of Recess is people surprising themselves. And it's richer when everyone feels that their voice and perspective can take a place in the communal celebration.

WHERE SHOULD I PUT THESE POEMS

- Day 1
- Day 2
- Day 3
- Day 4
- Day 5
- Day 6
- Day 7
- Day 8
- Day 9
- Day 10

BEST PRACTICES

- Please draft your poem outside this doc and keep your own copy. *We are all vulnerable to clumsy fingers and technical difficulties, and I want you to have a copy of your own work.*
- Respect each other and the space. Please don't share other people's work publicly.
- React sincerely to each other's poems, but this isn't a workshop. Please refrain from unsolicited critical feedback.
- There's no way to do it wrong! Write twenty poems! Write zero poems! Truly the thing that matters is the collective playspace.
- Post your poem whenever you like, but please post "in order" a.k.a. if you have poems to read when you open the doc, paste your work below them. We're less likely to accidentally mess with someone else's work this way.
- Put your name (or a pen name) somewhere near your poem
- Insert a page break or horizontal line after your poem
    - on the app: the plus sign on the top menu
    - on the computer: "insert" menu
- Have fun!

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