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**\*"Sís delivers an encomium to summer, to the power of learning, and to that beloved, creamy-cold treat." --*Kirkus*, starred review**

**Savor summer anytime with this breezy, sweet and irresistible picture book from Hans Christian Anderson Award winner and three-time Caldecott Honoree Peter Sís!**

*Dear Grandpa,*

*Summer is going well. I am very busy. But don't worry, I am not forgetting about school! I read every day. I practice my math facts. And I am even studying world history!*

Peter Sís's delicious tongue-in-cheek vision of summer dishes up the whole scoop on everyone's favorite frozen treat, and proves that ice cream is every bit as enriching for the mind as it is for the taste buds. Readers everywhere will be begging for seconds and thirds!

## Ice Cream Summer Details

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## **Franjessca says**

Devine enjoyed this book. It made her want ice cream afterwards though and an ice cream bed.

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## **Margie says**

Summer represents a host of memories and a time to conjure up more. In our family it meant enjoying time in the gardens, softball games, fishing, boating, bike riding, grilling in the back yard, endless games of hide-and-seek at dusk, campfires and lots of ice cream. Every single Sunday evening we would travel to a nearby town to get ice cream cones at the Dairy Queen across from the county fairgrounds. On very special occasions we would make our own.

We had one of those old wooden hand crank makers. We would put the ingredients inside the metal container, surround is with ice and salt and turn the handle until our arms felt like putty. When it was finally set to a soft solid, we scooped it out and savored every single swallow. To this day I've never tasted anything as scrumptious.

Even on chillier days, this season signals the time to try this tasty treat. Ice Cream Summer (Scholastic Press, May 26, 2015) written and illustrated by Peter Sis is a boy's journey through learning and leisure. It begins with a letter.

My full recommendation: <http://librariansquest.blogspot.com/2...>

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## **Amanda Rehfeld says**

### Summary (Picture)

Joe, a lover of ice cream, discovers numerous facts about ice cream and has found ways to translate his interest into an avenue to learning. He uses ice cream as a way to practice new, big words, math facts, word problems, map making, and world history. He writes his grandpa to tell him all he has been doing and learning. This is a great book to show students that learning can be fun and be relatable to their interests.

### Activity

#### Grade Level: Kindergarten

Have different color ice cream cones and scoops of ice cream pre-cut out of colored paper. The students will write what they want to learn over the summer. Also have then list 3 of their favorite things. After the activity, go around the room and have each student list an interest and something they want to learn. Take these and come up with individualized ideas for each student to further their learning over the summer. Give this to them/their parents before the end of school.

### Citation

Sis, P. (2015). Ice cream summer. New York, NY: Scholastic Press.

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## **N says**

Self-directed multi-disciplinary learning at it's finest.

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## **Mary Ann says**

Kids and parents will love this treat that dishes up the history of ice cream alongside a sweet story. Joe writes his grandfather, telling him all about his “delicious” summer, reading, learning new words, writing his own book--and Sís (in exquisitely detailed illustrations) incorporates ice cream at every opportunity.

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## **Alex (not a dude) Baugh says**

Today, June 19, 2015, is National Ice Cream Day and what better way to honor it than with a book about ice cream. And leave it to Peter Sís to create just such a delectable summer treat.

A young boy named Joe has just received a letter from his grandpa, asking how his summer is going and hoping his grandson will tell him all about what he has learned over the summer. Joe immediately writes back, telling his grandpa he is very busy. At the bottom of the page, Joe writes in simple declarative sentences what he has been up to so far this summer: he reads, he writes, he's making his own book, he does math, including word problems, he's learned to make a map in camp, he goes on field trips, and he's even doing so world history.

But this is a Peter Sís book, and in true Peter Sís style, it is a multilayered picture book, And so the reader's eyes must up from the words on the bottom of the page and look at the illustrations above the. Yes, Joe is reading - the names of the different flavors of hanging on the wall in the ice cream shop while he decides what flavor cone he wants. and yes, he is practicing math -  $10 \text{ scoops of ice cream} + 3 \text{ scoops} = ?$ , and yes he has made a map, and the names of all the places on his map are ice cream flavors. His research - the history of ice cream beginning 8,000 years ago in China and working his way through the to the Founding Father, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, and including the invention of the cone and ice cream on a stick.

This is a fun book book for ice cream-loving kids, who will enjoy learning some history of this favorite treat. The pastel palette used for the watercolor illustrations will remind you of those big tubs of different ice cream flavors found in shops. And kids will no doubt have some fun combing the illustrations to see how many ice cream related images there are in each illustration. This is done so cleverly that it almost becomes a kind of Find-the-Hidden Object game. And kids are certain to love how Joe tells his grandpa the absolute truth about his summer, but leaves out the ice cream details (and yet, given the ending, perhaps grandpa knows more than Joe thinks).

Because there are some interesting facts to learn in Ice Cream Summer, Sís has included an A Note from the Author along with a short list of book about the history of ice cream for anyone who wants to know more about this delicious sweet summer treat.

Whether you like one scoop or two, a hot fudge sundae or a banana split, this is a book that is sure to give young (and old) readers some ice cream fun.

This book is recommended for readers age 4+

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I scream

You scream

We all scream

for ice cream!

I love ice cream and my very favorite ice cream comes from Springer's in Stone Harbor, NJ. My favorite flavor is Springer Chip (coffee ice cream with chocolate chips).

What's your favorite ice cream?

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### **Christine Turner says**

Readers will love the clever interplay of words and pictures. This funny, affectionate intergenerational story, with pity text and sherbet-coloured artwork, is a delicious celebration of everyone's favourite summertime treat.

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### **Heather Jo says**

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### **Megan says**

I came for the ice cream and stayed for the puns. I like that this is a story that works on multiple levels - plenty for younger kids to enjoy, while adults and older children can appreciate the wordplay, puns, and ice cream-related commentary in the illustrations. Colorful, fun, and you'll probably want to grab a scoop after reading.

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### **Donna Mork says**

Written in the form of a letter from grandson to grandfather. In the background is everything about ice

cream, from creation to travel history, to current inventions etc.

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### **Lauren Amanda says**

This is a very cute book. I like the little math bits in the book. That would be good for a family storytime because the story is short and easy to follow for littler guys, but the math facts could be fun for elementary age kiddos.

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### **paula says**

I love Peter Sis's sun-drenched pastel side at least as much as his fact-obsessed deep blue-and-green spiritual side.

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### **Linda says**

A boy's grandpa writes to see how his grandson's summer is going, and the boy writes back with lots of curious statements that only can be enjoyed through the illustrations. For example, the boy writes that he's practicing his math facts, with ten scoops of ice cream stacked on one cone! Oops, seven scoops fall, and that's  $10 - 7 = ?$  In some parts, ice cream history is included, but always there are cones. They become high buildings in New York City, sails on sailboats, and tree trunks. It's rather cute, but not as fun as I imagined it would be.

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### **Marla says**

Decent story, nice illustrations. More appropriate for one-on-one reading than storytime, as many pages have smaller text included with the illustrations that make the story better (but too long for a storytime book).

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### **Barbara says**

One ice cream obsessed boy recounts his summer to his grandfather via letters.

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