Hello Summer Animators!

I am excited to work with all of you this summer! We are going to have a productive week animating crazy characters and concepts. We will be investigating the basics of animation and we will make our own animations using a variety of physical materials and software applications. One of the concepts that I reinforce for beginning animators is the idea of self-reliance and creative innovation. We have four animation stations that students will be using, but if you have a laptop, it would be a good idea to bring that as well.

I want to help you build skills that will allow you to make animations without being dependent upon a studio or expensive technology. You will learn how to use the animation program "Dragon Frame" which is popular in the industry and in art schools...BUT...I also will be teaching you how to use a variety applications on your smart phone! This will empower you to create animations virtually anywhere. Because of this approach it will be important for you to arrive with your Android, iPhone or iPad. Be sure to bring your charger!

Supplies and things to bring:

- Smart Phone (or iPad) to download different applications to. Some of the apps may cost money. The total cost of all the apps will be less than ten dollars.
- Laptop (if you have one)
- Charger
- Sketch book
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Any fine point or ultra-fine point marker Black

Thanks,
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