



## **RIISING FIFTH GRADERS**

### Summertime Words & Numbers

*"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June."*  
– L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

Dear Parents,

Besides all the swimming, ice cream, and vacations your family will experience soon, we are sending some suggestions for when your children inevitably ask, *"What can we do?"*

### **Books & Reading**

#### **Required Summer Reading & Journal:**

- *The Door in the Wall* — Marguerite de Angeli

#### **Additional Suggested Reading:**

- *Adam of the Road* — Elizabeth Janet Gray
- *The Horse and His Boy* — C. S. Lewis
- *A Little Princess* — Frances Hodgson Burnett

### **Math**

- Practice multiplication and division facts fluently
- Review fractions, decimals, and problem-solving
- Use timed practices
- Read the *Sir Cumference* Reading Series

### **Nature Studies**

- Study ecosystems, weather patterns, and earth science
- Observe nature and record findings
- Reflect on the order and beauty of God's creation

### **Music**

- Listen to sacred and classical music that encourages reflection and reverence

#### **Activity:**

Write or draw what you imagine as you listen. How does the music help you think about truth, beauty, and God?

## **Art**

- Practice drawing, watercolor, or sketching
- Study medieval art or illuminated manuscripts for inspiration

### **Extension:**

- Go visit the **Museum of Fine Arts**
- Look at simple works of art and talk about what you notice
- Focus on *beauty, detail, and effort* rather than perfection

## **Spiritual Life**

- Attend **Holy Mass every Sunday** (even when traveling)
- Attend Holy Mass on some weekdays
- Pray the Rosary with your family every day. Even one decade is better than none!

### **Additional Ideas:**

- Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is waiting for you!
- Talk about God's creation during nature walks
- Follow the Eucharistic Pilgrimages virtually at <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

## **A Final Encouragement**

Summer is a time to grow in wisdom, imagination, and virtue. Through great books, thoughtful reflection, and prayer, students prepare themselves for the year ahead. If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

We look forward to a joyful and fruitful school year.

## **Blessings,**

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## 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Journal Rubric

\*All task scores will be determined by their completeness, creativity, effort, and relevance to the book. Students should strive to show their knowledge of the book by the thoroughness with which they complete each task. Journals are due on the first day of class.

**Assignments will receive a 10% deduction for each day they are late, up to 3 days. Work submitted more than 3 days late will not be accepted.**

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| _____ Task 1 | Submission of a Front Cover for your journal that reflects that you read the book   | _____/10% |
| _____ Task 2 | Submission of at least 10 journal entries <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Missing 2 pages=30%</li><li>• Missing 3 pages=25%</li><li>• Missing 4 pages=20%</li><li>• Missing 5 pages=15%</li><li>• Missing 6 pages=20%</li><li>• Missing 7+ pages=5%</li></ul> | _____/40% |
| _____ Task 3 | Journal entries show reflection about what is being read. The entry gives an explanation of what happened, names a character or important moment, and gives a thought connection or question.   | _____/20% |
| _____ Task 4 | Journal entries are labeled with date, pages read, and time spent reading. Your journal looks like you truly treasure reading, thinking, and writing.   | _____/20% |
| _____ Task 5 | Submissions are turned in on time.  | _____/10% |