



RISING FOURTH 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 Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* — C. S. Lewis

Additional Suggested Reading:

- *A Single Shard* — Linda Sue Park
- *Heidi* — Johanna Spyri
- *The Secret Garden* — Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Swiss Family Robinson* — Johann Wyss

Math

- Practice multiplication facts (especially 7s, 8s, and 9s)
- Review measurement, area, perimeter, and decimals
- Read the *Sir Cumference* Reading Series

Nature Studies

- Study earth movements and the water cycle
- Learn about ocean life (whales, sharks, deep-sea creatures)
- Observe and reflect on nature

Music

- Listen to *Appalachian Spring* by Aaron Copland

Activity:

Draw or write what you imagine as you listen. What story does the music tell?

You may also listen to sacred music in honor of the Sacred Heart and reflect on prayer and reverence.

Art

- Study and draw landscapes inspired by artists such as Albert Bierstadt
- Practice drawing and painting
- Observe portraits and compare styles

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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3rd-5th 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.

_____ 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">• Missing 2 pages=30%• Missing 3 pages=25%• Missing 4 pages=20%• Missing 5 pages=15%• Missing 6 pages=20%• Missing 7+ pages=5%	_____/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%