



## **RISING THIRD GRADERS**

### **Summertime Words & Numbers**

*"Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16:14*

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:**

- *Charlotte's Web*— E.B. White

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

- *Saint Patrick's Summer* — Marigold Hunt
- *Augustine Came to Kent* — Barbara Willard
- *Castle Diaries* — Richard Platt
- *A Medieval Feast* — Alike

### **Math**

- Practice addition and subtraction facts
- Begin strengthening multiplication through skip counting
- Use timed practice (2-minute drills) to build fluency

### **Nature Studies**

- Observe plants, animals, and insects
- Spend time outdoors noticing details in nature

### **Music**

- Listen to *Ave Maria* — Josquin des Prez
- Listen to *Sicut Cervus* — Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

#### **Activity:**

Draw what you imagine as you listen. How does this music help you think about prayer and God?

## **Art**

- Practice drawing and watercolor painting
- Create art inspired by what you read or hear

### **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 of rest and renewal. Continue forming good habits through reading, practicing, observing, and praying. If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

We look forward to a joyful and fruitful year ahead.

## **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.**

_____ 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%