

June 15, 2010

Dear Families of Incoming Fifth-Graders,

Welcome to the fifth grade! I enjoyed meeting you at the “Step-Up” session on Field Day, and I’m excited about having you in my class next year.

This year, we are asking that students at St. Francis review Math and Reading regularly through the summer, so that all the hard work you put into learning and memorizing will not be forgotten. This will help you feel more confident as you return to school in the fall, and it will assist you through the year as you learn new concepts, and deepen those you’ve already studied.

MATH: The concepts you need to focus on/review this summer to prepare you for fifth grade are:

- All math facts (+, -, x, ÷). Be able to recall them rapidly.
- Add and subtract with regrouping. Here are some examples:
$$\begin{array}{r} 70,030 \\ -54,269 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 526,362 \\ +215,875 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 9746 \\ 2054 \\ +9583 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
- Multiply three digits by two digits. Example:
$$\begin{array}{r} 629 \\ \times 37 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
- Divide up to three numbers by one digit. An example might be: $853 \div 9$
- Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing with money. Examples:
$$\begin{array}{l} \$39.98 + \$8.99 = \\ \$75.00 - \$9.98 = \\ \$16.45 \times 17 = \\ \$26.50 \div 9 = \end{array}$$
- Finding equivalent fractions. Example:
$$8/12 = 4/6 = 2/3$$

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You will receive full credit for all weeks where you have completed, logged the time in the log-calendar, and a parent has signed the daily review. You may also attach the completed work if it was done with paper and pencil. There will be a test over these concepts during the first week of school.

READING: I know from talking to Mrs. Michaels that many of you enjoy reading. Please read on a regular basis, and record the number of minutes, half-hours, or hours in the log-calendar. You will receive extra credit for every *hour* of reading logged, with parent signature. You may choose whichever books interest you for most of your summer reading. Only one book is required this summer: *The Name of this Book is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch. This year's fifth graders loved this book, and I think you will to. I ask that you:

1. *complete a project* (poster, shadow-box, etc. - you can have fun and be creative with this) showing your favorite setting from the story, and that you
2. be prepared to share it with the rest of the class during the first week of school in an *oral presentation* in which you describe your chosen setting, your favorite character, your favorite parts, and explain why you liked these elements.

Parents, I know you will model honesty with your child by initialing only if your child has truly completed the work - both for Math and for Reading. I wish you a blessed and happy summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Ms. Boris
5th Grade Teacher