

**Racing to Success ~
The finish line!**



May 24, 2010

Just a few important notes for the week:

A recent DIBELS report will be sent home today in Monday folders.

Also going home in Monday folders and attached to this newsletter is a list of summer recommendations in preparation for fifth grade.

Please send an additional bag with your fourth grader on Wednesday, as we will be cleaning out desks and sending home unused supplies.

The BizTown permission slip will be sent home today. Please sign and return it by Wednesday.

Our field trip is Thursday and we are very excited! Students are expected to dress up ~ no tennis shoes, crocks, or play shoes please. Students and parent volunteers will also need to bring a sack lunch with them to school on Thursday, but no drink. They will use their BizTown money to purchase drinks from Steak N' Shake! Please make sure lunches are clearly labeled in a disposable bag.

Report cards will be emailed on Friday.

I am looking forward to another wonderful week together!



Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Wow! This year has flown by! It is hard to believe this is our last week. I would like to take a minute to thank all of you for a wonderful school year. I appreciate the help and support you have given me. Working with your children and watching them grow has been a lot of fun! I am very proud of their hard work.

I wish you and your family a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled summer vacation. Unfortunately, I will not be back at SMS to greet them in the fall. I will be beginning a new job at my parish school, Christ the King, but I will be sure to keep them all in my thoughts and prayers. I know that they will be very successful! Thanks again for everything!

God Bless!

Anne Pappas



Summer Suggestions for fifth grade

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

In preparation for next year, it is encouraged that the students review and practice skills and standards learned this year over the summer. Please note the fifth grade expectations and suggestions below.

Students will be expected to:

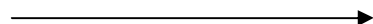
- Know all multiplication facts 0-11 without hesitation on day one.
- Complete fifth grade work in cursive. If you would like copies of handwriting pages, please let us know.
- Refer to a dictionary to correctly spell words after attempting to phonetically sound them out. See sight words attached.
- Write detailed paragraphs and multi-paragraph essays with topic sentences, supporting details, and concluding sentences. Practice with S'more graphic organizer idea and journal writing this summer!

Interested in getting a head start? Students will eventually have to:

- Hand write prayers including:
 - The Hail Mary
 - The Our Father
 - The Glory Be
 - The Ten Commandments
 - The Beatitudes
- Learn states, capitals, and abbreviations.

It is our hope that the students will have a smooth transition into fifth grade in the fall. Hopefully these suggestions will help motivate your son/daughter to review/learn something new over the summer. As always we hope the children will read every day! Please refer to the backside of this page for reading tips. If we can do anything else to help, please don't hesitate to ask. Have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer vacation!

Sincerely,
SMS Fourth and Fifth Grade Teachers



Reading Tips:

1. Read every day out loud to yourself or to someone.
2. Repeat words that you stumble over a couple of times before reading on.
3. Echo read. Listen to someone else read a paragraph and then reread it and try to model their expression.
4. Choral read. Read together with another person.
5. Pause at commas and at the end of sentences.
6. Emphasize italicized words and interjections.
7. Change your voice when reading from a different point of view.
8. Don't be afraid to read with emotion and enthusiasm. Audiences love it!
9. Listen to books on tape.
10. Choose something that is interesting to you and have fun!