

Dear Parents of Rising Fifth Graders,

Summer is a great time to play, relax, read, and . . . sharpen those writing and math skills!

Reading

We hope students will enjoy reading a variety of books this summer! To that end, we ask each rising fifth grader to read at least two novels or nonfiction works - from different genres. This is a terrific opportunity to explore new types of literature! Librarian Mrs. Bryan-Diehl has cultivated a wonderful list of books for students, which families are encouraged to review.

In addition, students have an optional, but encouraged Reading and Writing Summer Bingo board posted on the St. Michael's website.

Writing

Summer is a great time to keep a journal filled with activities, travels, fun, and personal thoughts. It's a terrific way to improve writing skills, develop voice, and practice grammar and punctuation skills.

Math

Fact fluency is necessary for higher-level computation and problem solving. Rising fifth grade students are expected to know the following to automaticity (within 3 seconds):

- addition and subtraction facts to 20
- multiplication facts through 12x12 and their related division facts

Students are strongly encouraged to review these facts throughout the summer. Additionally, rising fifth graders are encouraged to work on the summer math choice board posted on the St. Michael's website.

Enjoy the summer! We look forward to a fantastic fifth grade year with you and your children!

Sincerely,

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