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Summer 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming **FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS**,

This letter includes information concerning the 2021-2022 uniform requirements, supply lists, and the required summer assignments. Please take the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. We appreciate your efforts and support and look forward to a successful school year ahead.

God bless you,
Mr. Roach

GRADE 5 SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

IXL Summer Boost for MATH AND LANGUAGE ARTS

Each student will have a **Math and Language Arts Summer Boost** assignment posted in their **IXL account**. This will help solidify student understanding of key concepts and make sure they are ready to learn more in Fifth Grade! Each Summer Boost assignment is composed of 20 skill lessons; these cover topics that the students should be familiar with in their present grade level. The program is adaptive; if the student gets a question wrong there is instruction to let the student know what the correct answer was and why. As students answer the questions their SMART Score grows. Students should work for a SMART Score of 80-90 on each assignment (ultimately, 100 is an even better goal). Students can choose to do the assignments on any days they wish. **IXL** has set it up as 4 weeks with 5 topics per week for each area, but the pacing is up to you to allow for ample break time for the summer while still keeping skills sharp. **All IXL assignments need to be completed by August 20th**. This will allow for the system to be set up for next year and give the students a break to end the summer.

All incoming 5th graders should have mastery of basic facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division up through and including 12's). Please review these over the summer.

Summer Reading Assignment Grade 5

You are required to read a book that you choose from the list below. Complete the attached **Literary Reflection Sheet** and bring it on the first day of school. You will be assigned a project during the first weeks of school that will use the book you choose. You may choose to read more than one of the suggested books so that you have a choice of which book to use for the project.

- ***Wrinkle in Time***- Madeleine L'Engle
- ***The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe***- C.S.Lewis
- ***Island of the Blue Dolphins***- A Scott O' Dell
- ***Because of Winn-Dixie***- Kate DiCamillo
- ***Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning***- Lemony Snickett

GRADE 5 SUPPLY LIST

Note: Please replenish your child's supplies throughout the year. It affects the student's class work grade, which is partially based on preparedness.

General Supplies

- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 3 boxes tissues
- 2 boxes of hand wipes for homeroom
- 1 box of cleaning disinfecting wipes for homeroom
- Blue and black pens
- 12 - #2 Pencils
- Crayons- Box of 24

- Highlighters
- 4 -Dry erase markers (NO SHARPIES)
- 4 -Dry Erase sleeves
- Sticky notes
- Headphones (for Chromebook) – to be kept in school
- Index cards
- One inch binder (with dividers/folders)
- 2 packs of loose leaf paper

- **School Supply Fee: \$32.00** Please send in cash or a check with your child on the first day of school. This includes yearly IXL Subscription, Notebooks, Social Studies Weekly subscription, and Homework Planner. Make checks payable to St. Denis-St. Columba School

Art Supplies

- LABELED 9x12 Spiral bound Sketchbook
- LABELED Art Bag (2.5 gallon Jumbo **SLIDER** zip bag)
- 1-LABELED PLASTIC pocket folder (just for art)
- 1-Scissor
- 2-Pencils
- Personal pencil sharpener
- 2-Pink eraser
- 2-glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Colored Markers (non-permanent)
- Watercolor paint (crayola is fine)
- 1-small Paint brush
- OIL pastels (not chalk)
- 2-Black Sharpie Twin Tip
- 1-Antibacterial wipes
- Washi Tape (optional)

School Uniform Requirements for 2021-2022 (Lil' Darling Shoppe)

Please review the following **School Uniform Policy for the 2021-2022 School Year** with your child; this will be enforced on a daily basis.

Boys in K– 8

- White dress shirt (oxford for Grades K-8) and plaid school tie
- Green V-neck sweater vest or pullover V-neck sweater with school name
- Green dress slacks (*purchased at Lil' Darling Shoppe*)
- Black/Brown belt and dark socks
- Black or Brown supportive shoe with Shoelaces, strap, or Velcro (**No slip-on or "Sperry" type boat shoes**)
- Boys Hair cut should be simple, neat, above the collar, and off the face. No faddish haircuts, dyed or highlighted hair.

Girls in 5 – 8

- Green Plaid uniform skirt (no more than 1 inch above knee) and white oxford blouse
- Green V-neck sweater vest or pullover V-neck sweater with school name
- Green or Black knee socks/tights
- Black or Brown supportive shoe with Shoelaces, strap, or Velcro (**No slip-on or "Sperry" type boat shoes**)
- No dyed or highlighted hair.

Summer Uniform K-8

- Green shorts (no more than one inch above the knee) and belt
- Girls have skort option *to be purchased at Lil' Darling Shoppe*
- White polo shirt with school logo
- White crew socks that reach the ankle
- Black or brown supportive shoes with laces, Velcro or buckle (**No slip-on or "Sperry" type boat shoes**)

PLEASE NOTE: Uniform SNEAKERS for Gym – only WHITE or BLACK - with NO color

Have a great summer! God bless!

Literary Reflection

A literary reflection tells something about a character, the setting, or an event.

Introduction

Title:

Author:

Brief Summary:



Body Focus on a character, setting, or event and provide at least three details.

Character (thoughts, words, actions):

Setting (time and place):

Event (what happens):



Detail 1:

Detail 2:

Detail 3:



Conclusion Your thoughts, conclusions, opinions, or reactions to your focus