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June 8, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 5th grade! My name is Mrs. Burke and I will be your child's fifth grade teacher. This is my third year teaching at Sacred Heart School and it has been a privilege to be a part of such an incredible staff. There is such enthusiasm here at Sacred Heart and I enjoy all the different activities that happen at Sacred Heart School. For instance, the spring concert is one of my favorite extra curricular activities that students participate in, and they really enjoy performing for their parents. In 5th grade the curriculum can be challenging at times, but very rewarding. They will be learning about the United States along with completing a state project, the U.S. constitution, presidents, and the westward movement. In science they will learn the scientific method, engineering, cells and body systems, earth's crust, and oceans. I am really big on writing and students will be completing several book reports along with their projects.

Read: Your child should read at least 20-30 minutes everyday during the summer. There are so many great books available for your child to read over the summer. I have assigned the Tale of Desperaux for their summer reading book that needs to be completed. I have a detailed list of what is expected from your child that will be sent home with their report card.

Math: Your child will need to know all their multiplication facts, division facts, double digit multiplication, and long division. Have them practice.

Writing: Have them keep a summer journal and write their daily entries in cursive. I want them to write these down in a composition notebook. I will offer a special treat to all students who complete this task and turn in their journal book on the first day of school.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to meeting your child in August.

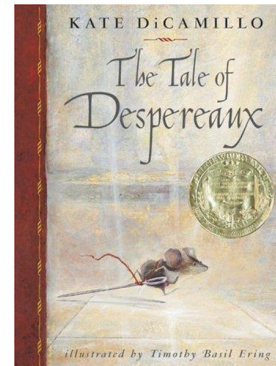
Sincerely,

Mrs. Burke

5th Grade Summer Activities

Read: The Tale of Despereaux by: Kate DiCamillo. For each chapter you will write a meaningful summary response using key facts from each chapter. You **may not** copy the text that is plagiarizing and you will receive a zero for this assignment. Secondly, I want you to draw a picture that represents each chapter at the end of each summary to describe and illustrate important events from that chapter. I will be giving students a test on this book the first day of school August 16, 2017.

I want these summaries and pictures kept in a composition book. This composition book is due the 1st day of school in order to receive credit. Directions on the next page.



**Due Date:
August 16, 2017 at the beginning of class!**

Review: Math facts, double digit math facts, two digit subtractions with regrouping, place value, division, and expressions/equations. You will have a timed (5 minutes for 100 problems) multiplication/division math facts test **the first day of school**, a double digit math facts sheet **on the second day** of school, and a subtraction regrouping sheet **on the third day**. I will also give a worksheet on equations and expressions **the fourth day** of school. The more you practice over the summer the better prepared you will be for the start of the new school year.

Here are some ideas to help you review:

- Free Rice (www.freerice.org)
- Flash Cards
- Ipad applications
- Practice pages (www.math-drills.com)
- The Clubhouse Educational Store (Valley Center Salinas)

Summer Bridge Activities: Reading & Writing Skills

This is a useful study tool. You can find this on Amazon or at Barnes and Nobel. These books are valuable when done on a consistent basis. Meaning 10-15 minutes per day 3-5 days per week!



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The Tale of Despereaux
5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment
Mrs. Burke

Name:

Date:

Chapter & page number:

Directions: After each chapter, write a meaningful summary of the main events that happened. **Draw and color** your own detailed illustration on a separate page of an important event in each chapter. Each summary should contain a topic sentence and many supporting details. I want this written in paragraph form in a composition book.

- **Please put the date, chapter # and page # along with your name on each page. (See Above)**
- This booklet will be due on the first day of school. August 16, 2017 **This is a graded assignment and will go towards your reading grade.**
- **You will also take a test on this book the 1st day of school.**
- **Please write neatly, if I cannot read it I will make you do it again.**

I am really big on following directions, so please read directions before completing assignment!

Grade: _____