



*A Holy Ground of
Loving and Learning*

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Dear Parents and Guardians of our 2023-2024 FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS,

I am excited to be your child's teacher next year! In order to prepare for a wonderful year, I am including some information that will be helpful to you over the summer months, including the supply list, reading and IXL assignments and uniform information. If you have any questions/comments, please feel free to send me an email. I will send an email introducing myself further as the school year approaches.

Have a wonderful summer!

Be well, Mrs. Susan Landaira

GRADE 5 SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

IXL MATH and ELA SUMMER BOOST

Each student will have Math and ELA Summer Boost assignments 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 assignment is composed of 20 skill lessons. These lessons 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 90-100 on each assignment. Students can choose to do the assignments on any days they wish. ***Students are also expected to work on their personal "Step into the Arena" skills. All IXL assignments need to be completed by August 15th.*** 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 fifth grade students should have mastery of basic facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division up to and including 12s). Please have your child review these over the summer.

Summer Reading Assignment

Your child is required to read a book of his/her choosing from the list below. Each student must complete the attached ***Literary Reflection Sheet*** and bring it to class on the first day of school. You will be assigned a project during the first weeks of school that will use the book you chose. You may choose to read more than one of the suggested books in order to have a choice as to which book to use for your project. The books are....

- **Number the Stars** By Lois Lowry
- **The Phantom Tollbooth** By Norman Juster
- **The Mighty Miss Malone** By Christopher Paul Curtis
- **Lily's Crossing** By Patricia Reilly Giff
- **Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus** By Dusti Bowling

GRADE 5 SUPPLY LIST *(to be replenished as needed during the school year)*

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 4 boxes of tissues
- 3 containers of disinfecting wipes
- 1 large bottle of hand sanitizer
- 4 pens (not blue or black) for editing/correcting
- 24 pre-sharpened #2 pencils
- Four highlighters
- Headphones
- Dry erase sleeve
- 4 dry erase markers (no sharpies, please)
- Headphones (for Chromebooks) to be kept in school (please put them in a large baggie with your child's name on it)
- 4 folders *(one for HW and notes—to go home and be checked daily, one for writing/ELA, one for Math, one for Science/SS)*
- One 12-inch ruler
- Small box of crayons *(no bigger than a 12 count box—it must be able to fit inside the desk)*
- Small pair of scissors
- 4 glue sticks
- Sticky notes
- Index cards (and something to keep them in, your choice, baggie, index spiral, index box, etc.)
- One large fabric pencil case to hold supplies *(plastic box cases won't fit in desk)*

SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE of \$50.00 –Please send in cash or a check **(payable to St. Denis-St. Columba School)** on the first day of school. This fee includes the Studies Weekly subscription, a planner, notebooks (3 control-lined orange notebooks, 3 blue and 3 special writing paper books), Chromebook case, etc. Please note, as your child uses up his notebooks, she/he will be required to purchase another at the school)

ART SUPPLIES (To remain in the Art Room)

- One roll of paper towels
- Optional: Spiral Sketchbook (not a glued binding) labeled with your child's name and grade

School Uniform 2023-2024 School Year

Boys K-8

- White dress shirt (oxford) 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 shoes** with shoelaces, strap, or velcro *(no slip-on shoes or boat shoes) (No Sperry's)*
- Boys haircut should be simple, neat, above the collar, and off the face *(no faddish haircuts, dyed or highlighted hair)*

Girls K-4

- Green plaid jumper and white
- Peter Pan collar blouse
- Green cardigan with school name
- Green or black knee socks/tights
- Black or Brown **supportive shoes** with shoelaces, strap, or velcro *(no slip-on shoes or boat shoes) (No Sperry's)*
- **No dyed or highlighted hair**

Summer Uniform K-8

- Green shorts (no more than an inch above the knee) with 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
- Shoes as stated above

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