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Dear SJGS Families,

As mothers of school-aged children, we know very well how precious summertime is! It is a time to play, explore, and visit with beloved friends and family; a time to enjoy big things like vacations and reunions, as well as little things like sleeping in or going out for ice cream.

As educators, we also know that summer weeks are important for maintaining all of the good things that your children have learned in the past academic year, especially in the areas of mathematics and literacy. Your child's future teachers have designed summer assignments and activities that they feel will best provide that skills maintenance and prevent the "summer slide." Please find these assignments attached.

While it's perfectly okay to take a break from school work for a time, we encourage you to review your child's summer assignments now so that you can ask any clarifying questions you may have before teachers take their vacations, too.

Lastly, we encourage all of our St. Joe Eagles to be sure to devote time this summer to maintaining their prayer lives and practicing their virtues. Here are some ideas:

- Pick a Virtues in Practice home project that you really enjoyed from this year and re-commit to it!
- Pick a Virtues in Practice home project that you tried but didn't quite succeed with and try again!
- Choose a day each week to spend 15 minutes at the Grotto at Notre Dame.
- Download the "Saints Stories for Kids" podcast and listen to an episode each week.
- Download the "3-Minute Retreat" app from Loyola Press and do a retreat every day.
- Build your own holy space or grotto in a favorite place in your backyard and spend time in prayer there each week.

It has been a blessing for all of us on our faculty to partner with you over the past year in forming the hearts and minds of your children! We wish you a safe, joyful, and restful summer!

Your Partners in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Green & Mrs. Schroeder



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Dear future 5th Grade families,

Congratulations - we made it to the summer! To ensure a smooth start to 5th grade, we have provided a list of required supplies and some additional notes, even if you did order the supply kits online. We hope you will find this information useful. We would like to keep materials and procedures simple: preparation will be the key to a great start. Please ensure all supplies are initialed and uniforms are labeled. Do reach out with any questions.

Stationery & office supplies

If you did not purchase the School Supply Kit, please purchase the following items:

- 3" Binder x1 (any color but preferably heavy duty or durable)
- Dividers, 3 Ring, 8-Tab - x2 packets
- Lined filler paper, Wide Rule, 100/Pk - x1
- Glue Sticks - x3 boxes of 12
- Sharpened** Pencils (preferably Ticonderoga) - x2 boxes at least
- Colored sharpened pencils x 1 set
- Highlighters 5 pack x1
- Colored Markers - x1 set of 8
- Dry Erase markers?
- Red pens - x4
- Black pens x8
- Sticky Notes (Post-it notes), 3" x 3" - x4 pack
- 6", Plastic Ruler x1
- Tissue boxes - x2
- Paper Towel Roll x1

Everyone, even if you did purchase the kit, you will need to ensure your child still has the following:

- Pencil Case - Either one large one that will hold everything, or two pencil cases - one for daily stationary and one for colored pencils and markers.
- Headphones
- Water bottle (preferably 24oz and not metal!)
- [Uniforms](#) -Please note, all must have P.E sweatpants (shorts are optional)

Summer work:

LA - [Assignment letter](#), [Reading Log](#),

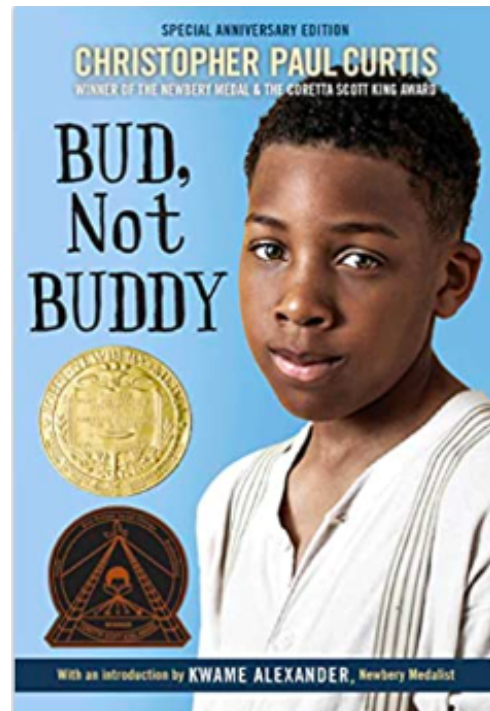
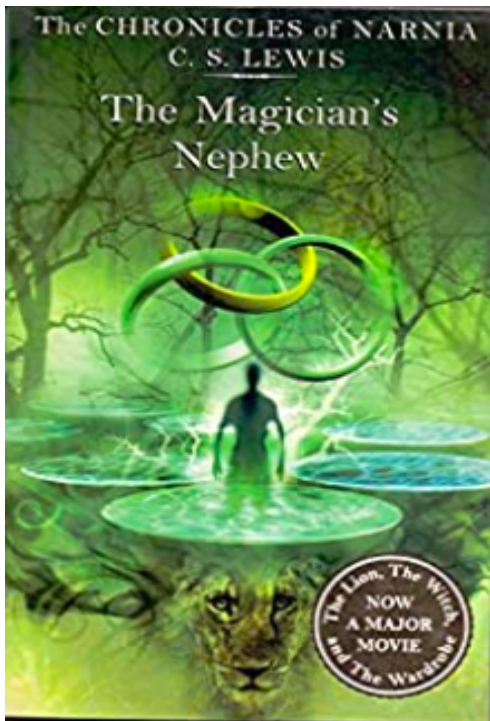
Book Lists: [Cardinal Newman Society](#), [Newbery Award winners](#)

Math - [Assignment Letter](#), [IXL link](#)

Optional: *(These will be provided but many children like to keep a copy at home for homework or if absent from school)* Please try to not have the children read these ahead of time if you are ordering them.

[The Magician's Nephew](#) - C.S.Lewis
ISBN 9780064471107

[Bud, Not Buddy](#), - Christopher Paul Curtis
ISBN 9780440413288



We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Blessings,

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Incoming 5th Grade Math Summer Work 2023

Happy Summer! In the midst of your summer outdoor activities, family time, and seasonal celebrations, I hope you will spend a bit of time enjoying math!

Practice your math facts – that’s the most important skill you can practice this summer! You can use cards, dice, technology, or any other way to learn them and know them well. I promise to plan for a facts quiz on our first day – and I always keep my promises! Study those facts as often as possible (with the goal of having them memorized and quickly recalled) upon your return.

Practice math skills on IXL. You can log in using the attached login and password. Recommended skills are starred. Choose from those. If possible, work for 20 minutes a few times a week on 4th grade skills.

Recognize and practice math in your everyday activities: 1. When you go to the grocery store, add up the cost of a few items. 2. When you’re with your parents filling the car with gas, estimate the cost. 3. Help cook and measure ingredients . . . then convert them to other units of measure. 4. Take the total from a receipt and subtract one item. 5. Add up the number of minutes you spend doing an activity over the course of a week. Then convert the minutes to hours. 6. You think of a way . . .

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Dean