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Dear Third Grade Parents,

I can't believe we have come to the end of this whirlwind school year! This year has been full of blessings and growth, and now it is time for me to send your students off for the summer, and into the next grade. It has truly been a pleasure serving you and your families.

I am quite pleased with the performance of the class overall, and I expect students to continue to increase their knowledge and strengthen skills during the summer months. Soon, you will receive your child's Year-long and Quarter 4 report card. Please look through this carefully with your child to celebrate the growth that has been made, and discuss ways that your child can improve his or her skills during summer to get ready for the 4th grade.

Here are some suggestions I have for your child's summer learning in preparation for 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

### **Faith Formation**

1. Attend Mass every week and invite your child to share his or her reflections on the Gospel and homily.
  - a. How do the readings and homily relate to their own lives?
  - b. How can they live out the message of the Gospel in how they act and what they say?
2. Read the Bible as a family and talk about its significance in your family.
3. Have your child write and illustrate prayers on their own and share them with others.
4. Pray the rosary together as a family.

### **Reading**

1. Participate in the summer reading programs at your local libraries and businesses. Reading everyday for at least 20-30 min is **ideal**. The students will receive information about [scholastic.com](http://scholastic.com)'s summer reading challenge, which helps them log reading minutes and win badges and awards for their efforts. Your child can read chapter books, picture books, magazines, newspapers— anything helpful,

interesting, and at their level to keep them reading! Ask your child some of these questions to strengthen their comprehension:

- a. Describe the setting (place and time) of the story.
  - b. Who is your favorite character and why?
  - c. What is your favorite part of the story and why?
  - d. What is the main conflict (problem) in the story? What is the solution (how is it solved)?
  - e. What does this story remind you of?
  - f. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
2. Play board games as a family. Have your child read and explain the directions to the rest of the family.
  3. Go online to research something that fascinates your child. Use a reliable website, such as National geographic for kids, Time for kids, or kids.usa.gov.

### **Writing**

1. Write creative stories using the writing process of prewriting, drafting, editing, revising, and publishing.
2. Write letters or cards to family and friends. Be sure your child addresses the envelope on his or her own.

### **Math**

1. Practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts continuously for at least 10-15 min everyday using their flash cards, multiplication chart, Mathletics, IXL, khan academy or any other Math game, practice book, or program. The goal is for your child to be able to answer multiplication and division facts instantly without counting in their head or with their fingers.
2. Have your child help you cook or bake in the kitchen. Have them read the directions to you, and measure ingredients using measuring cups and spoons to gain real life experience with fractions and measurement.
3. Use **Summer Bridge** books (available online at <http://www.amazon.com/Summer-Bridge-Activities%C2%99-Grades-Activities/dp/1620576104> or at United Arts & Education store).

Thank you for everything you have done this school year to make it a success for your children. It has truly been a pleasure and a blessing to work with your students. If there is anything I can ever be of help with, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Peace and Blessings,

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