

June 2018

Dear Parents of Rising Fifth Graders,

Summer is a great time to play, relax, **read**, and . . . sharpen those **writing** and **math** skills!

Reading

The required summer reading is *The Liberation of Gabriel King* by K.L. Going. Families may purchase or borrow the novel; students are not expected to have the novel at the beginning of school. This title is also available as an eBook through the online St. Michael's library. Students should be ready to discuss their understanding of the setting, plot, and characters upon return to school in August.

In addition, students are expected to complete the Summer Reading Bingo board. Boards can be found on the St. Michael's website under *Community*. Please bring completed Bingo boards to the first day of school. Families may access the online fifth grade book list for summer reading suggestions.

Writing

Summer is a great time to keep a journal filled with activities, travels, fun, and personal thoughts. It's a terrific way to improve writing skills, develop voice, and practice grammar skills.

Math

Fact fluency is necessary for higher-level computation and problem solving. Rising fifth grade students are expected to know the following to automaticity (within 3 seconds):

- addition and subtraction facts to 20
- multiplication and division facts through 12

Please visit the online list of IXL math skills early and often. Students are expected to be proficient in all skills listed.

Enjoy the summer! We look forward to a fantastic fifth grade year with you and your children!

Sincerely,

Fifth Grade Teachers
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