

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 required to have the novel at the beginning of school. 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 work on the Reading and Writing Summer Bingo board. Boards can be found on the St. Michael's website under *Community*. Please bring completed Bingo boards 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 facts through 12x12 and their related division facts

Students should complete 8 activities on the Summer Math Activities choice board, located on the St. Michael's website under *Community*. Following the choice board is a list of IXL skills students may find helpful during the summer.

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

Sincerely,

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