



*A Holy Ground of  
Loving and Learning*

# *Saint Denis-Saint Columba School*

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Dear Parents and Guardians of our 2022-2023 class of 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 and SUMMER ADVENTURES**

Each student will have Math and ELA Summer Boost and Summer Adventure 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 is and why. As students answer the questions, their SMART Score grows. Students should aim for a goal of 100 on each assignment, however, if a student is struggling and has worked on a topic for more than 30 minutes, a score between 80 and 90 is great! Students can choose to do the assignments on any days they wish. All IXL assignments need to be completed by **August 20th**. This deadline allows time for your students account to be set up for next year and gives students a break towards the end of their 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**

**PLEASE NOTE....STUDENTS SHOULD KEEP THEIR SUPPLIES SUFFICIENTLY STOCKED TO ENSURE THE ABILITY TO LEARN EFFECTIVELY.**

### **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 and correcting
- 24 pre-sharpened #2 pencils
- Four highlighters
- Headphones (*for Chromebooks*) to keep in school
- 3 folders (*one for HW, one for writing/ELA, one for all other handouts*)
- Dry erase sleeve
- 4 dry erase markers (no sharpies, please)
- 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
- 1 large fabric pencil case to hold supplies

**SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE of \$45.00** –Please send in cash or a check (**payable to St. Denis-St. Columba School**) on the first day of school. This fee includes the IXL subscription, Studies Weekly subscription, a planner and notebooks.

### **ART SUPPLIES (To remain in the Art Room)**

- One roll of paper towels
- Colorful Duct Tape
- sketchbook (not a glued binding) labeled with your child's name and grade

## **School Uniform 2022-2023 School Year**

Please review the following **School Uniform Policy for the 2022-2023 School Year** with your child.

### **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 shoe 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 shoe 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