

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**345 Westchester Blvd.**  
**Slidell, LA**

May 18, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Summer is rapidly approaching and everyone is looking forward to some fun and relaxation. The children have worked very hard this year. They have made considerable progress with their math and reading skills. It is very important to keep their skills sharpened over the summer.

Books allow our children to have marvelous adventures in their free time. Children should read on a **daily** basis. All students entering 3<sup>rd</sup>.-8<sup>th</sup>. grades are required to do summer reading. Students will take the Accelerated Reader tests on these books in August. Activities and tests will be given on the books at the beginning of the school year. Please select two books from the list in the grade your child will be entering in August.

**3<sup>rd</sup>**. The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl is a required book for all third graders.

Choose one: The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo by Judy Blume  
Arthur Makes the Team by Marc Brown

**4<sup>th</sup>**. Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner  
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume  
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

**5<sup>th</sup>**. Howliday Inn by James Howe  
The Cricket in Times Square by George Seldon  
My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian by Elizabeth Levy  
Fudge-a-Mania by Judy Blume

6<sup>th</sup>. The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman  
Holes by Louis Sachar  
Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix  
My Side of the Mountain by Jean George

7<sup>th</sup>. The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
Jelly Belly by Robert Kimmel Smith  
Lyddie by Katherine Patterson  
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

8<sup>th</sup>. And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie  
Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi  
Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene

Math skills also need to be reinforced. Once the concepts of adding and subtracting numbers are understood, students should no longer rely on their fingers. Children entering **third grade** need to know their addition and subtraction up to eighteen. Children entering **fourth grade** are expected to know their addition and subtraction facts as well as their multiplication and division facts. Students entering **fifth through eighth grades** should take some time to brush up on all facts. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts need to be **memorized**. Timed quizzes on math facts will be given throughout the school year. Immediate recall of facts is essential for the higher levels of math.

Thanks for your cooperation throughout the school year. Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,

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Robert V. Kiefer  
Principal

