

MARY of NAZARETH
Roman Catholic School



June 2022

Dear Incoming Third Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to Third Grade! We are excited to have you in our classes in the fall and we want you to begin the school year with skills and strategies to be successful. That is why Mary of Nazareth recommends that you continue to work on the IXL math and language arts objectives that you have been engaged with during this past school year and to have some fun with the following reading projects.

We recognize that it is very important that the children “unplug” during the summer and pick up some engaging books. This summer we are asking the children to read at least 3 books, two are “common novels” and the third is a “free choice.” The common novels will be the basis for instruction during the first couple weeks of school. Both books present good conversation starters for children and families. They celebrate our uniqueness along with our need to belong. We hope that you and your family enjoy these books. We are looking forward to seeing what book(s) you choose for your free-choice book(s). We love to see what children like to read. When you finish each book, we are asking that you do the following projects:

1. We would like you to read the hilarious book *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume. This book can be found at the public library, Barnes & Noble, or at Amazon (about \$3.00). (You can also listen to *Freckle Juice* on YouTube.) Please fill out the attached graphic organizer about *Freckle Juice* to help you to remember the story details. We hope this book becomes a family favorite. To begin our school year, the teachers have planned many creative activities and lessons that bring this *Freckle Juice* to life! We know that the students will really enjoy what is in store for them in early September.
2. We would like you to read *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun; Having the Courage to Be Who You Are* by Maria Dismondy (about \$8.00 at Amazon). This funny and thought-provoking picture book is about acceptance and the courage to do the right thing when faced with challenges. We will be using the theme of this book as an opening activity for our *Virtues in ACTION* program in the fall.
3. We would like you to **select at least one other novel to read** and create a “mini-poster” about any book that you have read over the summer. Your poster will be displayed in the hallway during the month of September; therefore, it is to be **no bigger than an 8” x 11 ½” sheet of computer paper mounted on a piece of construction paper**. We want to be able to display all of the “posters” in the hallway for everyone to see. The “poster” must have the book title and author, create some illustrations about the story, write at least 3 sentences about the story, and write your name on the front of your poster for everyone to see. You may type this information using at least an 16pt font size. Be creative with your ideas and materials!

Our goal is to provide you with some interesting activities that will keep your reading, writing, and math skills sharp and will get you ready for third grade. Try to remember to learn a new word every day, pray daily, go to Mass, have fun, play outside, and have a wonderful vacation!

Have a blessed and peaceful summer! The Third Grade Team

Suggested Fun and Creative Activities:

Here are some ideas to help you and your family practice what you learned in second grade, read for different purposes, be able to apply math skills in your everyday life, and work on your fine motor skills:

1. Help bake some cookies or cupcakes. Can you double the recipe?
2. Try to complete the unfinished pages in your cursive handwriting book from 2nd grade. One way to begin to practice cursive writing is to make a continuous line of connected lines and circles touching the top and bottom lines: *OOOOO llll*
3. Play store. Use the attached paper coins page (or real coins) to buy and sell items such as snacks, cookies, juice boxes, or “rent” your toys to your siblings. Identifying coins, counting money, and making change are math skills which incorporate a number of the skills (addition, subtraction, fractions, decimals and multiplication) that have been taught in 2nd grade and will be reinforced throughout the upcoming years.
4. Practice telling time on an analog clock. Start by identifying hours, half hour, quarter hour, and see if you can identify time to the minute? Try to say “after _ :00 or before _ :00
5. Play with clay or playdough (simple playdough recipes are on the internet). Creating sculptures with clay helps to develop your finger muscles and makes your hands stronger for cursive writing.
6. Have a list of daily chores to complete. This list does not need to be long but it will help the child to develop a routine, create “patterning” connections in the brain, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment – all build self-confidence.
7. Play card games. There are lots of easy to learn card games which help with strategic thinking, planning, and cooperation.
8. Make a comic book – cut out, draw, or print pictures and write stories to go with your pictures. You can make flip books, “shoe-box” tvs, your own “newspaper,” and so on.
9. Of course, READ, READ, READ. Find all kinds of books, articles, and texts to practice reading skills. “*Oh, the Places You Will Go*” with books....

Incoming Third Grade
Summer 2022
Reading Projects

Welcome to Third Grade! The students are being asked to complete the following reading tasks:

1. **Try to read, or to be read to, everyday for at least 30 minutes.**
The time spent reading should be relaxing and will help you to be better prepared for third grade. See how many books you can read over the summer!
 2. The teachers are asking that you read ***Freckle Juice*** by Judy Blume. Please fill out the graphic organizer and remember to bring your book to school on the first day of school and be prepared for our “fun activities.”
 3. The teachers are asking that you read ***Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun*** by Maria Dismody. Please fill out the graphic organizer for this book. We can't wait to see what “food combinations” you like to eat!
 4. **Choose another “chapter book” (Not *Freckle Juice*)** that you would like to read. We hope that you will read lots of books and tell us all about those books when we see you in September. Pick one of the “free choice books” that you have read over the summer and make an informative and colorful poster about that book. Your poster will be displayed in the hallway; therefore, **it should be no bigger than a sheet of computer paper mounted on a piece of construction paper.**
 - The poster must have the book title and author, as well as illustrations about the story, main characters, and your favorite scene (you can draw, cut out, or print pictures, feel free to use photographs). **Please put your name on the front of your poster.**
 - Type (size 16 font) one paragraph, about 3 sentences, about your book. You can write a summary or you can write about your favorite part of the book.
 - Be creative with your ideas and materials!
- **The poster is due Tuesday, September 6, 2022.**

Name: _____

Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun: Having the Courage to Be

Who You Are

By Maria Dismondy

Characters:	Setting:	Problem:

What event in the story did you like? Why? (You can write a few sentences or draw a picture.)

Lucy likes to eat strange combinations of food. A friend's brother used to eat peanut butter and mayonnaise sandwiches for lunch every day when he was in school. Draw a picture of a food-combination that you like:

Name: _____

Freckle Juice

By Judy Blume

Characters:	Setting:
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Problem:

Beginning	Middle	End

Your thoughts about the book?



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