

MARY of NAZARETH
Roman Catholic School



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Dear Rising Fifth Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to Fifth Grade! We are excited to have you in our classes in the fall. We also understand how challenging Fifth Grade will be for you; but do not worry your teachers are here to help you with your academics and your social development. We want you to begin the school year with skills and strategies to be successful. That is why Mary of Nazareth requires that you continue to work on the IXL math and language arts skills that you have been engaged with during this school year.

Mary of Nazareth School requires all students to practice their learning skills by completing the **at least 10 skill objectives** for IXL math and language arts from your child's **current grade** and complete the attached Reading project. You may select any 10 fourth grade language arts skills which you feel you need to review or you want to practice. **The math IXL objectives have been identified based on your current math teacher.** Your IXL work will be rewarded with a homework pass for math and a homework pass for language arts. (These are very valuable for those nights when you may have sports practice, another activity, or just want extra time to play outside.)

For your **Reading project**: The teachers would like every fifth grader to have a “common reading experience” and to prepare to learn about American history. This year the fifth-grade teachers have selected three books (they are **picture books** with engaging stories and interesting details and information): *Founding Fathers* by Jonah Winter, *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts, and *Ladies of Liberty* by Cokie Roberts. You are to **select 2 of the 3 books** to read the captivating stories of these early Americans and complete the attached project. (Parents – there are “adult versions” for all of these picture books if you are interested in expanding your knowledge of American history or want to further engage your children with historical facts and details.) The picture books can be found at the local library, Barnes and Nobel, or Amazon for about \$15.00 per book.

Your reading project is due Thursday, September 5, 2019

Please enjoy your summer! Remember to try to learn a new word every day, pray often, go to Mass, relax with your family and friends, and have a wonderful summer.

Have a blessed and peaceful summer!

The Fifth Grade Teachers

Incoming Fifth Grade
Summer 2019

Reading Project

Welcome to Fifth Grade! Students are being asked to complete the following reading project.

The teachers would like you to **select any 5** historical figures from the two books that you have read; you can select all men, all women, or a combination of both. Print out **6** copies of the profiles: one profile will be your cover page and the other 5 copies (either male or female) will be for the five people you select to “report” on in your project.

1. The “cover profile page” should reflect you – if you are a boy, use the male profile and girls use the female profile. Print a title for your project for example you can use any of the book titles or create your own title. Include your name on the cover and draw / print a picture of yourself as a historical figure as the background.
2. Pick 5 historical figures to write about. If the historical figure is a woman, use the female profile and for a man, use the male profile.
3. Write the person’s name on the profile, draw or print a picture of the person, and write 3 “bullet points” or facts about the person. Be creative.
4. Cut out the profiles to make a booklet with your page as the cover. Fasten the booklet together any way you wish – brads, staples, yarn, string.... Your booklet will be displayed on the bulletin board in the hallway and we want everyone to be able to read your information.
5. Be creative with your ideas and materials!
6. **The booklet is due Thursday, September 5, 2019.**





