

MARY of NAZARETH
Roman Catholic School



June 2019

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 many 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 skill sets that you have been engaged with during this school year and do have some fun with the reading projects.

Mary of Nazareth School **requires that all students** practice their learning skills by completing the identified objectives of the IXL math and language arts from their current grade level and complete the attached Reading projects. The IXL math and language arts skill objectives have been identified for you based on what has been taught in those classes, your identified student learning objectives from the May Scantron assessments, and the expectations for the beginning of the school year. Your work will count towards a special surprise at the beginning of the school year.

In addition to the IXL review, the third-grade teachers are asking that you do the following reading projects:

1. The teachers 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 on Amazon (about \$3.00). 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 book to life! We know that the students will really enjoy what is in store for them in early September.
2. The teachers would like you to **select at least one other novel to read** and create a “mini-poster” about a 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 a 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 18pt font size. Be creative with your ideas and materials!

Our goal is to provide you with some interesting activities that will keep your reading, grammar, and math skills sharp and will get you ready for third grade. But remember to try 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

Incoming Third Grade
Summer 2019
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 20 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 requiring that you read *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume.** Please remember to bring your book to school on the first day of school and be prepared for our “fun activities.”
 3. **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 pictures, cut out pictures, print pictures, or use photographs). **Please put your name on the front of your poster.**
 - Type (size 16 font) one paragraph, about 100 words, 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 Thursday, September 5, 2019.**