

Our Lady of Lourdes
345 Westchester Blvd.
Slidell, LA

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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 3rd.-8th. 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.

3rd. 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

4th. Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Be A Perfect Person in Just Three Days by Stephan Manes

5th. 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

6th. The Pigman by Paul Zindel
Holes by Louis Sachar
Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix
My Side of the Mountain by Jean George

7th. Twisted Window by Lois Duncan
Jelly Belly by Robert Kimmel Smith
Lyddie by Katherine Patterson
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

8th. And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Crispin 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,

Robert V. Kiefer
Principal

