

WELCOME TO 5TH GRADE

Divine Mercy Academy - September 2017 !

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Divine Mercy Academy's 5th Grade Homeroom! My name is Mrs. McNamara, and I am so excited to be teaching 4th & 5th grade language arts, as well as 5th grade religion and social studies. The 2017-2018 school year is going to be a super one. Attached is the list of supplies needed when the students return to school in September.

Summer Reading

Children entering 4th or 5th grade are moving from a "Learning to Read" stage to a "Reading to Learn" stage. To develop reading skills, children need to read many books that are "just right" for their abilities. Encourage a variety of genres (fiction, biographies, science, history, etc.) as well as magazines, newspapers etc. All 4th and 5th grade students are required to read 20-30 minutes per day, and to keep a log of what they've read. The reading log (attached) will count as the students' first quiz grade in September.

Besides daily reading, the students are asked to read an age-appropriate book from the attached list. The 5th grade students will be required to do a paper bag report, which will be their first project grade in September and is due on September 7, 2017. The instructions for the bag report are also attached to this letter. The 4th grade students will be working on a project given by Mrs. Lyness - biography of a scientist or mathematician. Therefore, other than daily reading, I will not be assigning a book project.

We all need to work together to make this a fantastic year - teacher, students and parents. Communication is key in a flourishing school/home relationship. I will keep you posted on what is happening via email, the website and Remind. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Email (grade5@dmrockaway.org) is preferable because it is more readily accessible throughout the day, and it can even be checked from home. I will check it at least once in the evening.

Thank you, and God Bless you. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. McNamara