

**2015 Summer Homework -  
For students entering grades 1-8 in August 2015-16**

**FAITH - all grades**

Remember to include attendance at mass as part of your summer.

Over the summer months, the students are expected to memorize the following prayers which we will use for our Morning Prayer as a school community when we return to school.

**The Act of Contrition**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

**The Hail, Holy Queen**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, Most Gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

O clement,

O loving,

O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**SERVICE - all grades**

All students entering grades 1-8 should participate in a summer service project. You can choose any type project you wish. It can be done alone or with family, neighbors, classmates, etc. There are no specific rubrics with regard to the length of time. The experience is more important than the number of hours. Be ready to share your service project with your new classmates.

**BRAINSTORMING USA “Dare to Dream-Expect to Succeed” Program**

CTTCS students have traditionally worked very hard on this project. MANY students have won great educational software. Fourteen students have won a personal computer. Two students have placed among the first in the nation and have received a \$5,000 scholarships (held in trust until the student goes to college).

This project is optional but very much encouraged. Directions can be found by going to the link.

<http://www.brainstormusa.com/en/dare-to-dream-scholarship>

Read the directions carefully and be sure to do each parts of the project.

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

### **Summer offers:**

Read 8 books, get one free at Barnes and Noble: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570/>

Weekly reading prizes from Scholastic: <http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2015>

### **Grades K-2 (2015-16)**

Students should read for 15 (30 minutes grade 3) minutes daily (alone or with a parent). Be prepared to complete a book report that the teachers will give you when you return to school in August.

### **Grades 3 (2015-16)**

Students should read two books (one fiction and one non-fiction). Be prepared to complete a book report that the teachers will give you when you return to school in August.

### **Grade 4 (2015-16)**

The incoming fourth graders are required to read two chapter books. You will be asked to do a book report after you return in August. Please wait to do your book report until the guidelines are provided by your new teacher.

### **Grade 5 (2015-16)**

The incoming fifth graders are required to read the book:

***The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare.**

When students return in August, they should be prepared to :

1. Discuss the book including plot, characters, and events
2. Take a test on the book. The test will be graded as part of Social Studies.
3. Teachers request the students have a printed copy of the book.

*For those who may wonder why the 5<sup>th</sup> grade has a specific book, it is because this book relates closely to the Social Studies unit on Native Americans. Reading the book will be a great preparation for understanding and dialog in class.*

### **Grades 6, 7 & 8 (2015-16)**

All upper cluster students are required to read two books during the summer of your choice. You do not need to do any sort of project or book report during the summer; however, when you return, your teacher will have an assignment regarding your books so please have the books read by the first day of school.

## **MATH**

Practice, practice, practice! In the lower grades have the addition and subtraction facts at your figure tips. From grade 3 -8, know the multiplication facts and division as well as you know your name. Look for on-line activities for math drill.

**Websites for math practice during the summer:**

Tenmarks.com (math practice, free for the summer)

IXL.com (paid program for math/language arts)

Mathabc.com (grades 1-6, free with small ads)

Abcya.com (a classroom favorite)

Coolmath.com (free, ads, all math levels)

Have a wonderful summer break!