

Fifth Grade Summer Work School Year 2025-2026

Dear Future Fifth Graders and Families,

All incoming fifth-grade students at Saint Andrew Catholic School will be required to complete the following assignments over the summer break:

IXL- students are required to sign in to IXL during the summer and complete the Summer Adventure Program. This is to maintain the skills they have learned in 4th grade, and are ready to grasp and acquire new skills. Go to this link

<https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-adventures-grade-4>

(IXL Summer Adventures skill plan - 4th grade)

The students must read the following books and turn in projects from the list below. Projects are due the first week of school

- River Boy -The Story of Mark Twain by William Anderson
(Nonfiction) AR Level 4.9
- The Little House in the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder,(Fiction) AR Level 4.9

****3rd book is Student's choice ****

In addition to the two mandatory books, the students must choose one from the following:

- The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis (Fiction) AR Level 4.9
- The Declaration of Independence by Elaine Landau (Nonfiction) AR Level 5.3
- Where was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May? By Jean Fritz
(Nonfiction) AR Level 5.9

AR tests are to be taken on the required two books, and one from the student's choice on the first two weeks of school.

Project Options: Writing should be in cursive unless it is part of the illustration.

Choose a project from the list below from any of the books you read.

A. Letter to Character

Write a letter to one of the characters in the book you read. Letter writing will give you the opportunity to reflect on what you read, ask questions to the character, give them advice, and share your thoughts with him or her.

Directions:

1. Write a date appropriate to the time of the story.
2. Choose one of the characters from the book to write the letter to.
3. Write your letter. Your letter should include questions about how they feel or what they do, reflections about the main events in the story, questions about what happens before or after the story, personal connections, or predictions.
4. Remember to use proper letter formatting and to sign your letter.
5. Letters should be at least 3 paragraphs (5 to 7 sentences per paragraph).
6. Letters should be neatly handwritten (in cursive) and error free.

B Book Report

Classic Book Report

As you read your book, take notes about your book. Use your notes to write a 3 to 5-paragraph essay about your book. Your 3 to 5-paragraph essay must be neatly written in cursive typed in blue or black ink. Remember, a paragraph has a minimum of 5 sentences.

Title of Book:

Author:

Setting:

Characters:

Conflict or Problem:

Conclusion or Resolution:

C. Book Jacket

- a. Use an 11x17 piece of construction paper for your book jacket.
- b. Measure in and fold the paper two inches from each side to create the inside flap for the book jacket.
- c. On the front cover include the title, author, and a neatly drawn/colored illustration - ORIGINAL work, not a repeat of the book's cover!
- d. On the inside left flap should be a 100 - 150 word summary of the book. Include the 5 W's (who, what, when, where, why) to help you. This can be written in cursive, or typed and glued in.
- e. On the inside right flap should be the answer to the following questions (each at least 4 sentences long):
 - i. What is the most important thing you learned from reading this book?
 - ii. Why was it important?
 - iii. Would you like to have lived during this time? Why or why not?
- f. On the back cover should be a well-written book recommendation. Who would you recommend the book to and why? Give specific reasons for your choice. Recommendations should be 5-7 sentences neatly written in cursive or typed and glued on the back cover.
- g. The back cover should be colorful and neatly completed (NOT COMPUTER CREATED).

D. Picture Book

For this assignment, you must create a picture book. Decide on the layout of books you have read before. The layout is your choice, but you must meet the following criteria:

- a. Cover must be neatly illustrated and colored (NOT COMPUTER CREATED)
- b. The cover should include a title, and an author/illustrator
- c. Your book should have at least 6 pages, which include text and neatly drawn illustrations.
- d. You should create a draft of your book before completing the final product.
- e. The final book should be error-free and neatly assembled.

Students are required to have the following books in the first week of school:

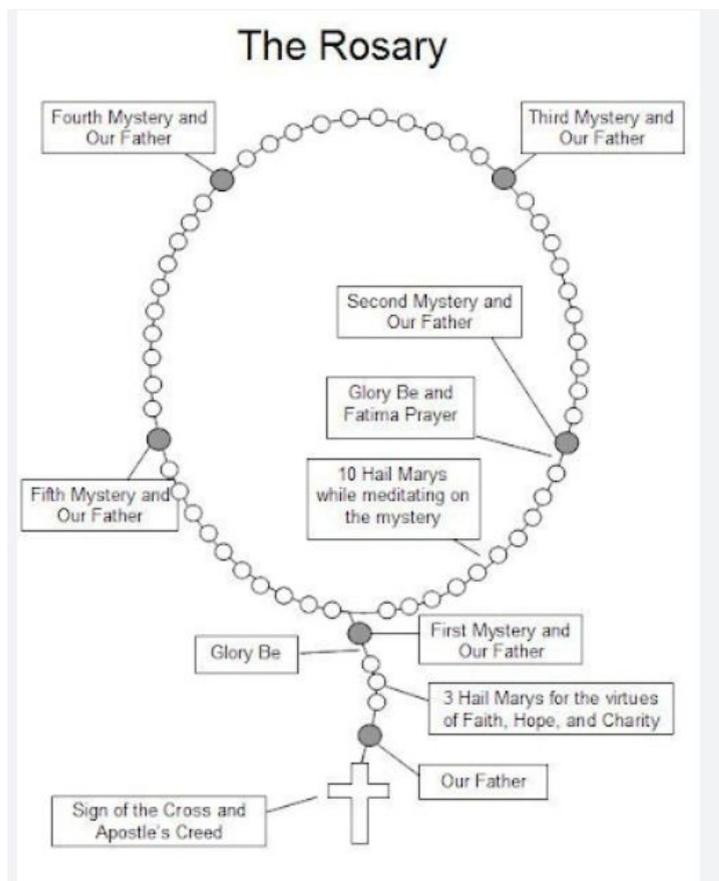
The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Jackie Robinson, The Bravest Man in Baseball by Margaret Davidson

IMPORTANT: ALL work must be completed by the student for full credit. All work is to be neat, colorful and clearly portray what the book is about. Writing should be in cursive unless it is part of the illustration.

No work may be computer-created.

Please make sure that your child knows how to pray The Rosary.



Enjoy your summer with your family and friends. Have fun reading, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

**Thank you,
Fifth Grade Teacher**