

WELCOME TO 4TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

Divine Mercy Academy - September 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome! 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 2020-2021 school year is going to be a super one.

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, and it is due on September 4, 2020.

Students are encouraged to continue practicing their skills in language arts and reading using the IXL learning platform. Categories include reading, writing, grammar and mechanics and vocabulary. This will help each student to retain concepts learned in 3rd grade.

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

STUDENTS ENTERING 4th SUPPLIES LIST

for Mrs. McNamara

Hopefully, this list will enable you to do your shopping ahead of time, and perhaps, even find some of the items on sale. Please bring them to school on the first day.

PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES AND UNIFORMS!

- 1 1" Binders filled with lined paper
- 1 Poly (Plastic) 2-Pocket Folder to be used daily
- 4 Highlighters (1 each of yellow, pink, blue and green)
- 2 Black Sharpie Markers (1 fine point)
- 3 Packages ruled index cards (white or colored)

Thank you for your cooperation. Have a nice summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. McNamara

My Reading Log



| Date | Title of Book | Starting Page # | Ending Page # | Parent Signature |
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You may attach lined paper to this when you run out of space.