

Entering Grade 5 – ELA Assignment

Read the coming of age novel - *Wonder* - by R.J. Palacio, a moving story about a facially different boy with inner beauty. This novel can be purchased at Barnes & Noble. There will be an assessment given on the novel in mid-September. A date for the assessment will be confirmed when you return to school. We will review the book in September in order to prepare for the assessment. In the meantime, during the summer, you will write an essay on a personal precept.

A precept is a general rule or life lesson that helps you to decide how to behave in a positive manner. Throughout the novel, *Wonder*, there are many precepts with powerful messages such as the one that states – "When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind."

For your essay, you will create or find your own precept and write an essay about your precept.

- First, decide if you want to create your own precept or find an existing one. If you want to create your own, then think of what motivates and inspires you; what makes you a good person. If you want to find an existing one, then you can choose one from the back of the novel or perhaps search the Internet for ideas. Simply type in motivational/personal quotes and find one you feel fits you. An example of a favorite personal precept that I try to live by is a religious one - With God, all things are possible. The other is a more general, motivational one - Reach for the Stars.
- Once you have your personal precept, you will write an essay on it using the paper provided.
- In the box at the top of the paper, you will simply write your precept. Don't forget your name!
- For the essay, you will write three (3) paragraphs on the following:
 - First paragraph - state how you came up with this precept
 - Second paragraph - explain what the precept means and why you selected it.
 - Third paragraph – describe how it applies to your life; give a specific example of when you have applied it to your life or perhaps will apply it in the future.
- Please write neatly in script using black ink. Skip a line between each paragraph and use the back of the paper if necessary. Be careful with your spelling and grammar.
- This essay is due on the first day of school -Thursday, September 6 - and will be counted as an ELA grade for the first quarter.
- More importantly, my hope is that everyone's essays can be read aloud so that we can all learn one another's personal precepts that guide us through our lives.
- In addition to reading *Wonder*, I encourage you to read more books during the summer because –

"Reading Is At The Heart of Everything We Do."



My Personal Precept Project



Entering Grade 5 – Religion Assignment

The one aspect that distinguishes a Catholic school is the teaching of Religion. So, I feel it is important to give a summer Religion assignment in addition to the Core subjects.

Fifth Grade Religion is the study of the Seven Sacraments. The Sacraments are signs of God's love. So, for your Religion project, you will put together a booklet called - Signs of God's Love. Below are the details...

- Prepare a total of ten (10) pictures showing how God is present in your own personal life and/or in anyone's life in general. Examples could be pictures of nature, a crucifix, a church, someone getting baptized, etc...
- The pictures may be drawn, computer-generated, or cut out from books or old religion workbooks. It could be a combination of all these choices. You may use real photos if you wish.
- Once you have all ten (10) pictures, put them together in a booklet using either computer paper or construction paper. Attach a picture to each page of the booklet, label the picture, and write a caption underneath the picture explaining how it represents God's love and presence in your life. For example, a picture of a crucifix symbolizes Jesus' sacrifice and great love for us. A picture of your family represents God's love in that He provided people to take care of us. Each caption should be 1-2 sentences and could be either typed or hand-written neatly in script; black ink.
- Staple all the pages together and write your name and title – Signs of God's Love - on the front. A picture on the front cover is optional.

This project will be due on the first day of school – Thursday, September 6 - and be counted as a Religion grade for the first quarter.

More importantly, I hope this project serves as a reminder that God is with you - always...

In addition to this Religion project, I encourage you to attend Mass, pray, and stay close to God...

Have a Blessed Summer!

Incoming 5th Grade Math Assignment:

Complete the assignments in prodigygame.com. Use the login/ password information from the 4th grade. Go to “**gr5**” for your assignments.

Study multiplication facts 2-12 and decimal place value.

Online activity will be observed over the summer by the teacher.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! See you in September!

Student Information

Please complete this form and return it in your child's folder on the first day of school.

Student's Full Name _____

Address _____

Birthdate _____

Mother's Name _____

Cell phone no. _____

Father's Name _____

Cell phone no. _____

Any allergies, medical or learning concerns _____

Dismissal instructions (check which one applies)

_____ Bus Start date: _____

_____ Walker Who will meet your child at dismissal? _____

Student interests, hobbies _____

Any additional information you would like to share _____