

St. John the Beloved
Back to School Night
5th Grade

September 17, 2018

NOTE TO PARENTS

The privilege of being co-workers with you in the important task of guiding your child to the fullness of his/her academic, spiritual, social and moral development is an honor we cherish. In a few days of classes, we can see a great variety of skills and talents, as well as individual needs. It is upon these insights that we reflect when building the year's curriculum.



THE CURRICULUM

Course: **Mathematics**
Teacher: Mrs. Rubini
Text: “McGraw Hill-My Math”

McGraw-Hill My Math was specifically written to teach the Common Core State Standards. The chapters are organized by domain. Domains include: Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Number and Operations in Base Ten, Number and Operations – Fractions, Measurement and Data, and Geometry. The math grade may include tests, quizzes and daily assignments. For the Scope and Sequence of the “My Math” series go to www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com.

Course: **Religion**
Teacher: Mrs. Rubini
Text: “*We Believe*”- Sadlier

We Met Jesus in the Sacraments: The major theme in the *We Believe* text this year is learning about the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. The religion grade may include tests, daily assignments and projects. For the Scope and Sequence of the “*We Believe*” series go to www.webelieveweb.com.

Course: **Science**
Teacher: Mrs. Rubini
Text: “Science Fusion”- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Topics covered include body systems, ecosystems, matter, light and sound. Grading may include tests, quizzes, daily assignments, worksheets and projects. For the Scope and Sequence of the “Science Fusion” series go to www.thinkcentral.com .

Course: **Social Studies**
Teacher: Mrs. Smith
Text: “The United States: Making a New Nation” - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Topics to be covered include: The Land and Early People, Cultures, The Thirteen Colonies and The Western Hemisphere. The grading may include tests, quizzes, daily assignments, worksheets, and projects. For the Scope and Sequence of the “The United States: Making a New Nation” series go to www.eharcourtschool.com .

Course: **Language Arts**
Teacher: Mrs. Smith
Text: “Loyola Press”, “McGraw-Hill Reading”

English/Writing - We will study the parts of speech, punctuation, capitalization, usage and sentence structure. We will also focus on composition, learning narrative, expository, descriptive and persuasive writing. Students will keep a journal in their 3 ring binders. They will be learning to organize information in order to write clear and concise paragraphs using the “Step-up-to-Writing” curriculum.

Reading/Literature - The “Wonders” series incorporates classic and current children’s literature with emphasis on comprehension skills. Literary genre terms are introduced and applied to selections. Stories are often used as models for writing. The reading grade may include class work, tests, assignments, reading logs, and homework.

Spelling-The spelling words will be posted on google classroom for each group. Spelling tests will be held on Wednesdays on an alternating schedule.

We sincerely hope that you as parents will work with your student to achieve the basic expectations for this school year. Our expectations for students are outlined in the class rules. Our expectations for the parents are as follows:

- Check to see that homework assignments are written in the student assignment book and completed.
- Sign tests and return (84 and lower)
- Provide a time and place for homework to be completed daily.
- Allow your child to learn by accepting consequences for his/her behavior and decisions.
- Please give us 24 hours to respond to an email.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students must come to class prepared with the books and supplies required for each class, charged chromebooks and earbuds. Students also use 3-hole punched wide ruled loose leaf paper.

CLASS RULES

1. Be considerate of others.
2. Come to class prepared.
3. Raise your hand to speak.
4. Listen politely when others speak.
5. Take care of personal and school property.

Grading Chart

A	93 – 100
B	85 – 92
C	77 – 84
D	70 – 76
F	69 and Below

I have read the Parent Back to School Night handout given by Mrs. Rubini and Mrs. Smith

Student's Name

Parent's Signature

Please sign and return by September 21, 2018.