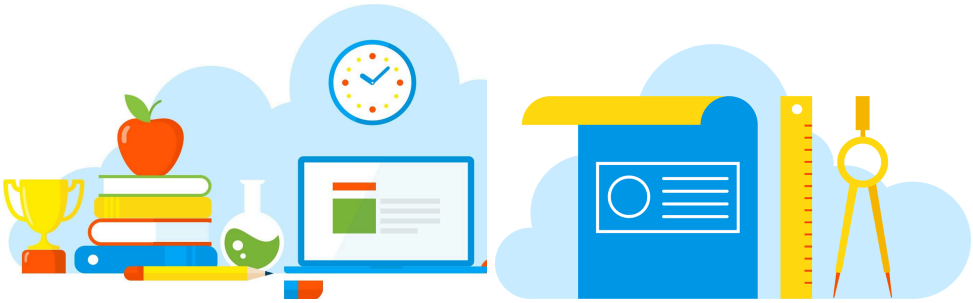

Welcome 5th Graders
St. Francis School - Summer 2026

Dear 5th Grade Families,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a wonderful and relaxing summer! My name is Mrs. Schultz, and I am excited to be your 5th grade teacher for the upcoming school year.

During the summer, I enjoy spending time with my family and my dog, Jack. We love traveling, and when we're home in New Hampshire, we spend time boating on the lakes, rivers, and ocean. I'm also looking forward to relaxing with a stack of new chapter books this summer.

Reading is one of the best ways to keep your mind active. It strengthens vocabulary, builds attention span, and encourages critical thinking. As you read, think about how characters change and grow throughout the story.

I've attached a reading log and a book report page to help you track your summer reading. Students who read at least 500 minutes this summer will receive a prize when they return in the fall! I also encourage you to practice your math facts, especially multiplication. In 5th grade, we focus on recognizing products quickly, which makes division much easier.

Please feel free to reach out at any time this summer or during the school year with questions or just to say hello. I look forward to meeting each of you and helping you grow to be even more confident, knowledgeable, and compassionate learners.

With warmest regards and blessings, Mrs. Schultz

SchultzW@StFrancisSchool.org

READING LOG

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Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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MINUTE TRACKER

Color a square for every 10 minutes you read!

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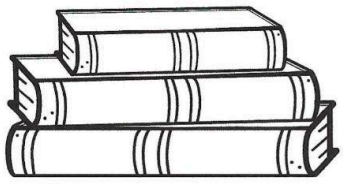

I've read a total of _____ minutes!

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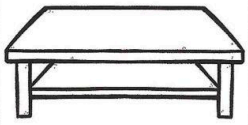
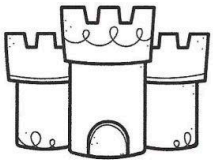
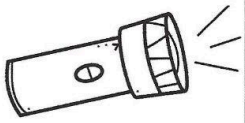
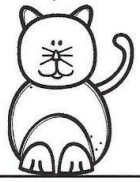
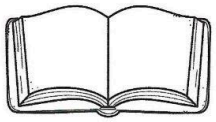
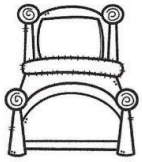
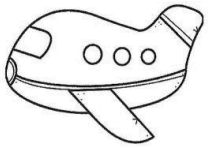
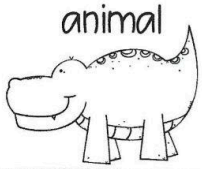
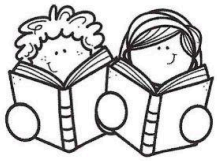
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

How many of these challenges can you complete over the summer?! Once you have completed a challenge, color in the picture. See if you can finish all of them!

Read on vacation	Read under a table 	Read at the beach 	Read on a rainy day
Read aloud with a funny accent	Read with a flashlight 	Read to a pet 	Read a magazine 
Read at the library	Read at the pool	Read in bed 	Read on an airplane 
Read to a stuffed animal 	Read in the car	Read while eating ice cream	Read with a friend 

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Name:_____

Book Review

TITLE:_____

MY SCORE
10 Loved it!
7 Pretty Good
5 Just Ok
3 Pretty Bad
1 Hated it!

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10

What it's all about (no spoilers!):

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What I liked (or) didn't like about this book:

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Would I recommend this book? Why/Why not:

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