

Dear Parents and Rising 5th grade Students.

It is my pleasure to welcome both you and your child to our 5th grade class! This is my sixth year at Saint Michael Catholic School, and I am more than excited for the opportunity to work in 5th grade. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and spending the year exploring and learning from many new, enriching lessons and experiences.



For those of you who do not know me, I'm originally from New York, but I graduated from Coastal Carolina University. I have spent most of my time in the classroom right here at Saint Michael's! I have two daughters and we are members of the Saint Michael Parish. My experiences have also offered me opportunities to work with students from PreK - 8th grade, as well as some time in special education and intervention.

Fifth grade is a very important year, we have a lot to learn! There are Elementary skills we will master (I hope students are reading this summer and reviewing math skills to keep them sharp)! My goal for the first half of the year will be making sure students have a strong foundation in general subject areas and learning about digital assignments using their Chromebook. The second half of the year it is my goal to work on preparing your student for Middle School. Expectations will be high and I will challenge each student to their full potential. It will be challenging but I am sure they will all succeed! We will also incorporate many character education building activities to promote self-growth and maturity in students. We will discuss these goals more specifically at open house. Also, look for our weekly letter "The Breda Bugle" once school is back in session to help keep up-to-date and communicate any questions or concerns.

I truly look forward to seeing all students ready to learn in August, it is going to be a fun filled, enriching year! Until then, enjoy your Summer!

Many Blessings,  
Ms. Breda

**Recommended Education Websites:**

[Coolmath.com](http://Coolmath.com)

[Sumdog.com](http://Sumdog.com)

[Abcya.com](http://Abcya.com) (for fifth grade)

[Starfall.com](http://Starfall.com)



## Summer Reading Letter:

Keeping reading skills alive through the summer is an important part of being prepared for the next grade level. Studies have shown that students who are engaged in summer reading will begin the school year at a higher level than those who do not. Furthermore, reading fun stories keeps the students excited about reading. This summer, those students in the upper grades, (4th - 8th) will have assigned summer reading.

Students should spread out this reading throughout the summer. This shouldn't be a burden, but something that will supplement regular reading at home over the summer. The students will read two novels to prepare for the 5th grade novel studies that will occur throughout the school year.

The first is **Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule by Harriette Gillem Robinet**. This is a Historical Fiction Novel that will provide students with background knowledge for our first unit of Social Studies. Copies of this novel is available upon request. **Students should read the novel and complete two activities:**

- 1) Vocabulary Study: Pick 15-20 words that are either new to you or are tricky words to remember the meaning. Look these words up in a dictionary and write the definition and use each in a sentence.
- 2) Create a 3-D depiction of a scene from the novel. This can be created using a diorama, poster board, clay, or other materials! Be creative!!

The second novel is a free choice but should be grade appropriate and of interest to your child. **Students should write a short (3-5 paragraph) report about the book chosen.**

Please know that I will periodically check my email and will be here for summer camp so if you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [ABreda@saintmichaelsc.com](mailto:ABreda@saintmichaelsc.com).

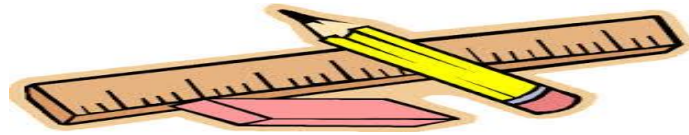
Please have a blessed summer filled with lots of opportunities for making memories, family time and outdoor adventures.

Blessings,

Ms. Ashley Breda  
5th Grade Teacher

Saint Michael Catholic School  
5th Grade Supplies (Ms. Breda's Class)  
2018-2019

The following is a list of items we will use during the 2018-2019 school year. I have tried to include all items expected, but please note supplies may need to be replenished during the school year or other items may be needed for other classes (special areas).



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>General Supplies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scissors (1)</li> <li>○ Glue Sticks (3)</li> <li>○ Erasers</li> <li>○ Hand Sanitizer (1)</li> <li>○ Sandwich bags (1 box)</li> <li>○ Paper Towels (1 roll)</li> <li>○ Kleenex (1 Box)</li> <li>○ Clorox/Sanitizer Wipes</li> <li>○ Markers (1 pack)</li> <li>○ Crayons (1 pack)</li> <li>○ Colored Pencils (1 pack)</li> <li>○ Pencil Box (1)</li> <li>○ Highlighters (2)</li> <li>○ Red Pens (2)</li> <li>○ Pencils (12 Count)</li> <li>○ Erasable Pens ( 1 small pack)</li> <li>○ Post It Notes (1 Pack)</li> <li>○ 2 Pocket Folder (Black-Homework and Classroom Communication)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Religion:</b> ('Blue' Color Organization) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New American Bible Revised Edition (2011)</li> <li>○ 3 Subject Notebook (Blue)</li> <li>○ 2 pocket folder (Blue)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Science:</b> ('Green' Color Organization) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Composition notebook (lab journal)</li> <li>○ 3 Subject Notebook (Green)</li> <li>○ 2 Pocket Folder (Green)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Social Studies:</b> ('Yellow' Color Organization) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 Subject Notebook (Yellow)</li> <li>○ 2 Pocket Folder (Yellow)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>ELA:</b> ('Red' Color Organization)' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Composition Notebook (Writing)</li> <li>○ 2 Inch Binder (Red), 5 Tab dividers, loose leaf paper</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Math:</b> ('Purple' Color Organization) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 Subject Notebook (Purple)</li> <li>○ 2 pocket folder (Purple)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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- We will be reading novels and books of different genres throughout the year, if class sets are not available you may be asked to supply your child's copy. Advanced notice will be given in this event.