



To: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Parents

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to your children for finishing the 2016-17 school year! It has been a joy teaching them and watching them grow these past ten months. We also welcome the incoming 6th graders to junior high as they continue their journey here at St. Anthony of Padua!

Please review the **Junior High Summer Projects**, which are required assignments for each student. The completed work will be due on the first day of school and will count as the first grades for Reading, Math, Science, and Religion.

The **Junior High Supply List** is also provided so that you can begin to purchase materials for the school year. Note that we will provide school-owned combination locks for their lockers, so you do not need to purchase a lock or bring back locks they have used this year.

In August/September, we will review Junior High policies regarding the following topics (*found in Parent/Student Handbook online):

- Homework/Classwork*
- Conduct*
- Uniforms*
- Classroom procedures
- Rotations and schedules

We appreciate the support you continue to give to your child's education. Please feel free to email any of us with any questions or concerns. You can find our contact information on the Teacher Blogs at stanthonygardena.org. Thank you and enjoy your summer!

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us!



Summer Homework

Math

- All students 6-8th grade
 - Students must play the grey on ST Math for 90 minutes a week.

Guidelines for parents

1. When students are frustrated with ST Math, parents can help only by asking questions. (At no point should a parent play on ST Math). When errors happen, ST Math will animate what should happen.
 - a. "What have you tried so far?"
 - b. "How will you help Jiji cross the screen?"
 - c. "If what you've done so far has not worked can we try doing something different?"

Date	Time	Parent initials	Date	Time	Parent initials
June 23			August 4		
June 30					
July 7					
July 14					
July 18					
July 21					
July 28					

Science

- **Create a Three-minute presentation using PowerPoint, Google slides, or Keynote.**

Presentation should include 4-5 slides.

- **Slides must include pictures, diagrams, a short video or animation.**
- **Slides should only contain 4 sentences each to help guide your presentation**

Please provide a one page printed copy of slides.

7th grade - Life Science

(topics are selected by student number)

1-Characteristics of living things
2-Necessities of living things
3-Electromagnetic Spectrum
4-Interaction of light with matter
5-Refraction
6-Characteristics of cells
7-Eukaryotic cells
8- Organization of living things
9-Cell Energy
10- Cell cycle
11-Mendel and his peas
12- Traits and inheritance
13- Meiosis
14- What does DNA look like?
15- How does DNA work?
16-Fossils
17-How does evolution work?

18- Natural selection in action
19-Domains and kingdoms
20-What is a plant?
21-Seed plants
22-Seedless plants
23-Structures of seed plants
24-Photosynthesis
25-Reproduction of flowering plants
26-Animal kingdom
27-Invertebrates
28-Vertebrates
29-Body organization
30-Skeletal system



7TH GRADE 2017 SUMMER READING

Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2019,

First, congratulations on finishing the 2016-17 school year! I hope all of you enjoy your summer and come back in August refreshed, focused and prepared for the joys and challenges of 7th grade.

As you may know, part of the preparation for 7th grade English Language Arts is summer reading. Every student is required to read the novel *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. The book's content is fitting for this age group, and we will use it at the beginning of the year to review the literary elements. Our discussions and analysis in August and early September will focus on the elements of plot, setting, theme, and characterization that set the foundation for the year's curriculum. ***PLEASE NOTE: The Junior High Supply List asks for The Chronicles of Narnia Set, which includes The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. You do not need to order this separately!***

To be completely prepared for the start of the school year, the students need to arrive at school with the following worksheets:

- **WORD STUDY** for 4 challenging words of your choice (see attached)
- **PLOT DIAGRAM** (see attached)
- **CHARACTER NOTES** about 1 main character of your choice (see attached – feelings and emotions/physical description/behavior and actions/personality traits)

These will be the first graded assignments for the year, so please make sure that they are completed neatly and thoroughly.

The students have been briefed on these requirements and understand how to create a plot diagram. The students will use their character notes to create character profiles once they return to school. There will be a comprehension test on the novel as well.

Thank you for your time and support. The students will enjoy the novel and the analysis we do in class. The theme of the story is relevant and the novel is a great opportunity to prepare the students for the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

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