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Dear Future **FIFTH** Grade Students and Families,

Help stop the "Summer Brain Drain" by choosing enriching activities to keep your skills sharp. All academic areas need review. We are suggesting the following resources that are available at school supply stores and on-line at Amazon.com.

- * **Comprehensive Curriculum of Basic Skills**
- * **What Your Fourth Grader Needs To Know**
- * **Summer Bridge Activities Book**

Appropriate grade level work is available from each of these resources. Also, the Time for Kids website (www.timeforkids.com), the Scholastic News website (www.scholastic.com/news), (www.sciencenewsforkids.com), and (www.weeklyreader.com) offer some activities that are very worthwhile. It also keeps the students informed of current events.

Please keep your child's educational skills sharp by providing some time each day for skill reinforcement.

- * **Reading should be a daily activity. Visit the library and join a summer reading program. All local libraries sponsor summer programs. Read at least 15 - 20 minutes per day.**
- * **Keep math in mind. Children lose more math skills than anything else. Try to plan some special math activities each day.**
- * **Visit local museums and city events. Many of the Chicago museums offer one day workshops for children and currently have some wonderful exhibits.**
- * **Use the programs provided by the Park Departments in your community or neighboring communities.**

We are requesting that our new fifth grade students read **three(3)** books during the summer. Your child will be asked to do a report when returning to classes in August. Please read the following:

- * **Newbery Medal Winning Book (not an honor book)**
- * **Biography or Autobiography**
- * **Your Choice**

We wish everyone a safe and restful summer. Be safe, play long and hard, enjoy vacations and planned activities. Remember to pray each day and attend Mass on Sunday or even on an occasional weekday. **There is no vacation from GOD!!!**

Mr. Buck
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