



St. Martin of Tours Academy
Fifth Grade Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

I would like to end the year by thanking our room parents, Susan Skinner, Gina Ledford, and Gabriela Bresciani. They have done a tremendous job for us this year. Not only have they helped me and fulfilled the regular duties of room parents, but they have done all of the extra work for the sixth grade camp fund raisers, as well as donating time for lunch duty, chairing the Big Ten, book fairs, etc. All of your dedication and hard work is truly appreciated. Thanks so much, all of you! I also would like to thank our fifth grade parents for all of your cooperation and help for all the fund raisers, as well as the effort you put in to help keep your child on track all year.

I can hardly believe this is the end of the year! We have had an outstanding year. We have grown in many ways. I hope you can see the growth in your child, from their physical growth (there are many taller than Mrs. Hartley now!) as well as their academic growth, and their life skills. We have worked on many life skills this year, but responsibility and organization and respecting others are on the top of the list. Hopefully, this summer will provide opportunities to continue to practice these skills. We also had a packed curriculum throughout the year. There are many things that we enjoyed learning. I hope your child shared these with you.

Over the summer, remember that reading is the most important skill with which to continue. A minimum of 20 minutes a day, every day, is the assignment. Then, add some journal writing once a week. Start for a few minutes and increase time each week.

Any strategy or thinking games are a great way to get math practice. Also, consumer math, cooking, or card games would enhance math skills as well.

Last of all, enjoy your children! Spend time appreciating the growth they have accomplished this year. I have enjoyed them, and hopefully they each have had a wonderful year.

Best wishes for a happy summer,

Diane Hartley