



St. Martin of Tours Academy
Third Grade Newsletter
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"Love God, serve God; everything is in that." -Saint Claire of Assisi

Dear Parents,

As this school year comes to a close, I would like to thank our room parents, Amy Kovar and Mari Waldron, for all of the many hours of hard work they put into making this great year. Everything they do is very much appreciated! I would also like to thank all the parents for everything you did this year to help your child have the best year possible.

I always have so many mixed emotions at the end of a school year. I am amazed at all of the growth the children have attained this year. Some grew in responsibility, some in risk taking, while others grew in standing up for what they believe. Each and every one of them grew spiritually, academically, and emotionally. I am honored to have been your child's teacher, and to have spent the last school year with them.

I wish all of you and your families a wonderful, restful, peaceful and happy summer. Use the time to enjoy each other's company, and celebrate all that you have.

Sincerely,

Diane Hartley

For the Summer . . .

- Your child should read every day for at least 20 minutes. Two times per week, after the 20 minutes of reading, your child should journal about what they read. They only need to write for about 3-4 minutes. This exercise will help with comprehension.

- Your child worked really hard this year learning the basic multiplication facts. Please help them keep that information fresh in their brain. Some students should practice basic multiplication facts once per week, while others can benefit from the gift of time this summer offers. Keep practicing until they are automatic. You can use flash cards or use Moby Max. Moby Max has a variety of choices besides math, so if your child ever says "I'm bored!", put them to work on that website. There is plenty to keep them busy!

- Pick a night for family game night! Any game in which decision making is required is good for math and problem solving. Card games are also very good, as well as memory games, Sudoku, and board games. These are all great ways to keep the mind working.