ST JUDE
REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians of Students Entering 4th Grade:

Summer Reading/Writing Requirement

Each student is required to read **three** books from the 4th Grade Summer Reading List available on www.Reading-Rewards.com and write a brief summary for each book including the following information:

> Student's Name
> Grade
> Date
> Title of the book
> Author
> A list of the main characters (fiction books)
> One paragraph that describes the story - The paragraph must include the
> following elements:
>> • A topic sentence which is the first sentence of a paragraph. It introduces the main idea and gives a general statement.
>> • Supporting sentences (at least 3 sentences) which follow the topic sentence. These sentences give supporting details, facts, and examples related to the main idea.
>> • The closing sentence which is the last sentence of a paragraph. It restates the paragraph's main idea using different words.
> A sentence explaining if you would recommend this book to a friend

The Student Paragraph Self-Assessment should be completed and attached to each summary. Each summary may be neatly hand-written or typed 12 point, double, spaced. The assignments are due the first week of school and the students will receive a grade in English and Reading.

*All books read for the Summer Reading /Writing Requirement must come from the 4th Grade Summer Reading List at **www.Reading-Rewards.com** or be pre-approved by Mrs. Richter. If the student wants to read a book that is not on the list, please email Mrs. Richter at Maureen.Richter@StJudeRockville.org for approval prior to reading the book.

Summer Reading Challenge!

Remember the pie in the face from last year? Mrs. Donatelli and Mrs. Balog have issued a reading challenge to all the students entering 4th through 8th grades. If these students read 100,000 minutes (20 minutes a day for each student) between now and the beginning of school, they will do something outrageous! The minutes will be totaled using the students' Reading Reward minutes. So read a lot and log those reading minutes into **www.Reading-Rewards.com**!

The required reading counts towards the Summer Reading Challenge. All books read for the Summer Reading Challenge must come from the 4th grade Summer Reading List at **www.Reading-Rewards.com** or be pre-approved by Mrs. Richter.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and READ! READ! READ!

Student's Name _____

Book Title: _____

Student Paragraph Self-Assessment

After reading your paragraph, circle your answer. Once you have assessed your work, go back and make corrections.

Ideas		
Do I state one main idea?	Yes	No
Do I clearly convey purpose of the paragraph?	Yes	No
Do I give supporting facts, details, and examples related to main idea?	Yes	No
Organization		
Do I begin with a topic sentence?	Yes	No
Do I list details that tell more about the topic sentence?	Yes	No
Do I use a closing sentence?	Yes	No
Voice		
Do I use an appropriate tone for the audience?	Yes	No
Word Choice		
Do I use appropriate transition words?	Yes	No
Do I use language specific to the topic?	Yes	No
Do I use a varied choice of words?	Yes	No
Sentence Fluency		
Are my sentences clear and concise?	Yes	No
Conventions	Yes	No
Do I use correct grammar?	Yes	No
Do I use correct spelling?	Yes	No
Do all sentences end with proper punctuation?	Yes	No
Are the beginning of each sentences and proper names capitalized?	Yes	No
Do I indent each paragraph?	Yes	No
Presentation		
Is my paper neat?	Yes	No
Do I use the proper school heading?	Yes	No
Do I use the proper font - Calibri 12?	Yes	No

GETTING STARTED ON READING REWARDS

1. Go to https://app.reading-rewards.com
2. Click on the Log In link.
3. Enter in your username (hint: your 1ˢᵗ initial and last name, you may need your middle initial, or last two digits of your graduation year) and password (Upper case first initial of your last name and your student ID/Scantron number number).
4. Click on Book Lists:
    • scroll down and click on **Recommended Book Lists**
5. What kind of book lists would you like displayed
    • **Click on List Compiled for Your Group**
6. Select a book list to display
    • **Select book list for your grade**
7. Click on cover of book for more details about the book. Once you have decided on a book to read. Get this book from your public library, Barnes and Noble, or from Amazon.
8. Click **Add to my Library**
9. Go back up to top tabs and Click on **Reading**
10. Click on the **My Reading Log tab**
11. Click on **Log Reading Time**
12. Select a book from the drop down list (books you added to your library)
13. Enter your reading date, time and the number of minutes you read into **Log Reading Time**!
14. Click SAVE
15. That's it! You have logged your reading time. Once you finished your book, you will be asked to review it. Doing so gives you bonus RR Miles!
16. Your account requires validation by a parent or guardian; they will get an email asking them to validate your reading. Make sure they check their spam folder and add notifications@reading---rewards.com to their contacts!
17. Contact Mrs. Richter at Maureen.richter@stjuderockville.org with any questions regarding Reading Rewards.

To Add Books to Your Library

You must receive approval from Mrs. Richter (Maureen.richter@stjuderockville.org prior to adding a book to your library).

1. Click on Reading tab
2. Go to My Library tab
3. Click on Add a Book tab
4. Find your Book - Type the title of the book or author's name
5. Click Find Book!
6. Scroll down until you find the book
7. Click on title of book
8. Click Add To My Library