



ST. PIUS X
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Summer has finally arrived! I want to thank you for helping to make my first year at St. Pius X such a wonderful experience. I hope all of us can use these summer months to rejuvenate and prepare for a great 2011-12 school year!

This mailing should include final report card(s), a school calendar, book report ideas, and a supply list. We will post all of these on our web page also. However, if you are missing a report card, please let us know in the school office. We plan to be available most of the summer, but will cut the office hours to 9 am – noon during the month of July.

We have decided to have **some required summer reading**. Students entering grades 1 – 4 must read one book that they complete a report on using one of the ideas from the [enclosed sheet](#). Students entering grades 5 – 8 must read two books that they complete a report on using the acceptable ideas. These reports are **due the first day of school**. Of course we encourage students to read many books over the summer and the public library, as well as some private business, has some great programs for summer reading that I encourage you to take advantage of.

I think it is important that we keep our children academically motivated during these summer months so they are not at a disadvantage when we return in August. There are several opportunities for academics through colleges like NKU, Cincinnati State, and TMC; high school camps at NDA and CCH; and private individuals or companies.

Sometimes, however, we cannot provide these opportunities due to finances, transportation issues, etc... The good news is that children can also do work at home using resources found at book stores and on-line. One series that I recommend can be ordered at [summerskills.com](#). Another series that I've heard good things about is the Summer Bridge Program. John R. Green carries this program, but it can also be ordered on-line. One point I really want to stress is that you should purchase appropriate level books so children are not frustrated. Students should be doing review work over the summer so **they should be using books and materials from their current grade**. They should not be working on material that they have not yet been exposed to.

I have searched for summer school options at the elementary level and have been unsuccessful. However, **if your child failed a course for the year, he/she is required to complete a current grade level workbook in the appropriate subject(s)**. These workbooks are **due by August 15** in the school office.

I hope you and your child(ren) had a good year at St. Pius X this year. Please encourage them to keep up on their academics and to read over the summer! I look forward to a wonderful 2011-12 school year!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Judy Gerwe
Principal
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