

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I am looking forward to this new school year. There are lots of new things to be learned and new friends to be made.



My goal for this year is to help your child to be an independent and responsible learner, as well as, to show him or her how to make responsible choices. To accomplish this goal, there will be regular homework and we will be making the most of our class time. My expectations for the students this year will be high. They will need to work hard and do their best.

Please, read over the next few pages with your child. These pages will outline the classroom policies, discipline, and answer some questions you may have about the school year. Be sure you talk about what is in the packet with your child.

I am glad you are all here and can't wait to get started!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Abatelli



## What do you need to bring to school?

All students should have a backpack. This makes transporting school supplies and homework easier. The students may also bring in water bottles. Students must bring in a book from home to read during “Drop Everything and Read” time. Please write his or her name on it in order to prevent mix-ups.

## Class Page

The link to our class page is <https://stclarecatholicacademy.org/grade-5/>. On our class page, you will find upcoming events, reminders, and homework assignments. Check the site often to keep up-to-date on announcements and homework.

## Quizzes/Tests

We will have weekly quizzes and tests, therefore I recommend checking the grades at least once a week.

In order to check your child’s grades, please go to <https://www.optionc.com>.



## Homework

Homework is mandatory. Homework assignments will be posted on the class website in case a student forgets what has to be done. Homework not done will result in the following consequences:

- ✓ Students will lose ten points each day the homework assignment is late.
- ✓ Students have two days to hand-in the missing homework assignment, otherwise they will receive a 50% for that homework assignment.
- ✓ If it continues to be a problem, a homework contract will be sent home, which will need to be signed by both the parent/guardian and student.

Homework missed due to absence will usually be due the following day after returning to school. But of course, due to the number of days missed, workload, and the reason for the absence, the due date can sometimes be negotiable.

## **Grading Policy**

- 50%- Tests
- 20%- Quizzes
- 15%- Projects
- 10%- Participation
- 5%- Homework

## **Rules**

1. We will respect ourselves, the teacher, and all others inside and outside of the classroom.
2. We will keep our hands, feet, and objects to ourselves.
3. We will listen to the teacher and follow all directions the first time.
4. We will encourage, help, and not interfere with others' and our own learning.
5. We will do our best work.

## **Consequences**

- 5- Keep up the great work!
- 4- Warning
- 3- Students will complete a misbehavior form to give them the opportunity to think about the rule they broke, as well as plan how they will avoid breaking this rule again.
- 2- Students will have to write a letter to their parents/guardians explaining to them what rule they broke, and how they can change their behavior in the future. This letter will have to be signed by the student's parent/guardian, and returned to school the following day.
- 1- Students will miss free time. Instead, students will have to complete their classwork during this time. The student's parent/guardian will also be contacted.
- 1- Students will be sent to the Dean, Vice Principal, or Principal.

## Rewards

Rewards will be given for various reasons at the end of the week. Students will receive points on Class Dojo for positive classroom behavior. Once the students receive a certain number of points on Class Dojo, they can “cash in” their points for rewards.

Rewards:

- 10 Points- Pencil
- 15 Points- Prize Bin
- 20 Points- Line Leader
- 25 Points- Pick Your Job
- 35 Points- Swap Seats
- 40 Points- Play a Game
- 50 Points- 15-Minute Break
- 60 Points- Teach a Lesson
- 70 Points- Homework Pass
- 90 Points- Points on a Test



## Changes in Dismissal

If there is a change in dismissal, please send in a note or call the main office.

Thank you for reviewing this packet!

