

# WELCOME TO 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

Divine Mercy Academy - September 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome! My name is Mrs. McNamara, and I am so excited to be teaching 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade language arts, as well as 5<sup>th</sup> grade religion and social studies. The 2018-2019 school year is going to be a super one.

## Summer Reading

Children entering 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade are moving from a "Learning to Read" stage to a "Reading to Learn" stage. To develop reading skills, children need to read many books that are "just right" for their abilities. Encourage a variety of genres (fiction, biographies, science, history, etc.) as well as magazines, newspapers etc. All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to read 20-30 minutes per day, and to keep a log of what they've read. The reading log (attached) will count as the students' first quiz grade in September, and it is due on September 5, 2018.

We all need to work together to make this a fantastic year - teacher, students and parents. Communication is key in a flourishing school/home relationship. I will keep you posted on what is happening via email, the website and Remind. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Email ([grade5@dmrockaway.org](mailto:grade5@dmrockaway.org)) is preferable because it is more readily accessible throughout the day, and it can even be checked from home. I will check it at least once in the evening.

Thank you, and God Bless you. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. McNamara*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# My Reading Log

	Date	Title	Author	Minutes	Parent Signature
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



Anything can happen.....  
when you open a book!

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5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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