

Students and Parents,

Summer vacation is fast upon us and another year is about to close. Before we can start the year, there is summer vacation. Over the next two months, I will be asking for the following assignments to be completed by September 10, 2018:

1. **ELA:** Please select at least **four** books from the list below. I have book report sheets on the next page. Each page is worth twenty five points towards a test grade. If you do more than four, I will pick the best four for the test grade. Also, write one paragraph summaries in a marble notebook about each book to keep as a reference. You will be tested on them in Computer Class on the Accelerated Reader (AR) Program. Mrs. Patarek will check these summaries in Library Class next year. You will also need these marble books for Library and Computer Class next year to do the AR Tests. I have also put an example of a summary attached to this letter. The books you have to choose from are as follows:

- a) *George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt* - Lucy & Stephen Hawking
- b) *The Island* - Gary Paulsen
- c) *Number the Stars* - Lois Lowry
- d) *Becoming Naomi Leon* - Pam Muñoz Ryan
- e) *The Shakespeare Stealer* - Gary L. Blackwood
- f) *Black Star, Bright Dawn* - Scott O'Dell
- g) *Danger Down the Nile* - James Patterson
- h) *Around the World in Eighty Days* - Jules Verne

I am supplying five book report sheets with this package. If you need more, then contact me at jdier@stbrigidca-brooklyn.org and I will send you a blank pdf. If you have taken an AR test for a book above, you cannot do it over the summer. You can find most of these books online, in stores and in libraries. You can also find these for most E-Reader Devices.

2. **Social Studies:** Read *What was the Ice Age?* by Nico Medina. Please complete the worksheet attached and hand it in September 10, with the Summer Reading Packets. You can find this book online, in stores, and in libraries. It is also available on most E-Reader Devices. Also, record a summary in your AR Notebook. You can use this book for an AR Test.
3. **Religion:** Read *Who is Pope Francis?* by Stephanie Spinner. Please complete the worksheet attached and hand it in September 10, with the Summer Reading Packets. You can find this book online, in stores, and in libraries. It is also available on most E-Reader Devices. Also, record a summary in your AR Notebook. You can use this book for an AR Test.

As stated before, you can get the above books most places. If you are going to buy the books above, you can search for the lowest prices at the following places:

Amazon

eBay

Thriftbooks.com (You can always find sales on this site!!!)

Strandbooks.com

Barnes & Noble

Google Books

iBooks on Apple

As stated, I will be collecting these assignments on September 10, 2018. I would also like students to purchase *Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan for the first few weeks of school. This will be the first book that we read for ELA in Grade 6 and we should start reading it on or around September 20. If there are any problems getting this book, please let me know. I will be available throughout the summer via email. I am excited to start a new year with you next year and hope you have a happy and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dier

Title: _____

Author: _____

Three Main Characters: _____

Setting (If there are many settings, then name the place where the most time was spent.):

What happened in the beginning?

What happened in the middle?

Social Studies Summer Assignment

PART I (72 Points): Fill in the blanks after reading *What was the Ice Age?*

1. Who was the eighteen year old who found the cave paintings at Lascaux? _____
2. What word means to learn to survive especially in a world of fearsome predators and wild weather? _____
3. Who was the first person who suggested there was a sheet of ice from the North Pole to the Mediterranean Sea?

4. According to the picture on page 10, what are the four layers of a glacier in order?

5. What story from the Bible did the idea of the Ice Age go against? _____
6. What was a prehistoric whale that grew sixty feet long? _____
7. What are times when glaciers grow? _____
8. What word means to change little by little over thousands or millions of year? _____
9. Animals were larger because it was easier to hold more _____
10. What city are the La Brea Tar Pits located near? _____
11. What is the scientific name for a human being? _____
12. Where were the first Neanderthal bones found? _____
13. When the ice from the glaciers melted, coastal valleys filled with water creating _____.
14. How high were the glaciers? _____
15. Which lakes were formed by melting glaciers? _____
16. What are hills or mounds that grew on glacial drifts deposited when glaciers melted? _____
17. How did people get from Asia to North America in the Ice Age? _____
18. What mountains were created when India crashed into the Asian plate? _____
19. Who took advantage of warmer climates and found North America around the year 1000?

20. Who did the Pope think was to blame for the Little Ice Age? _____
21. What vegetable was introduced in Europe to prevent famine during the Little Ice Age? _____
22. What is the term for the Ice Age that occurred 850 million to 550 million years ago where the whole Earth could have been covered in ice? _____
23. Where do some scientists believe the earliest life-forms on earth began? _____
24. What did people start doing during the final cold snap 13,000 years ago? _____

PART II (18 Points) Essays. Write in complete sentences. Do not use charts and follow directions provided in each question.

1. During the Ice Age, there were many different kinds of animals. When the Ice Age ended, what happened to all these animals? Provide two details how this happened?

2. Modern Day Humans lived side by side with another group of humans. Name this other group of humans and two ways they were different.

3. Since 1850, the world has seen many dramatic changes on the planet that is causing changes in temperature. Name what is causing this change and name two things that will happen if temperatures continues to rise.

Rubric for Each Question:

Complete Sentences: 2Points

Correct Spelling and Grammar: 1 Point

Correct Answer to the Question: 1 Point

Two Details Provided: 2 Points

Religion Summer Assignment

PART I (90 Points): Fill in the blanks after reading *Who is Pope Francis?*

1. What is Pope Francis's real name? _____
2. Where was Pope Francis born? _____
3. What did Pope Francis listen to on the radio when he was younger? _____
4. What degree did Pope Francis's mother want him to get? _____
5. What order of priesthood did Pope Francis belong to? _____
6. What did Pope Francis have removed in 1957? _____
7. Who started the Jesuit order? _____
8. What did the other novices criticize Pope Francis of being? _____
9. Where was Pope Francis when his father and Don Enrico died? _____
10. What are Argentine cowboys called? _____
11. What language was the mass in before Vatican II? _____
12. Pope Francis headed the Jesuits in Argentina and _____
13. Pope Francis worked behind the scenes to save people from the _____
14. What was Pope Francis's nickname in the poorest neighborhoods? _____
15. What did Pope John Paul II make Pope Francis in 2001? _____
16. What does the Pope ride around in? _____
17. Who did Pope Francis encourage other cardinals to vote for? _____
18. Who did Pope Francis honor by choosing the name Francis? _____
19. Who did Pope Francis ride with after being elected Pope? _____
20. Why did Pope Francis call the dentist? _____
21. Where does Pope Francis live in the Vatican? _____
22. What two countries are on much better terms because of Pope Francis? _____
23. Who would Pope Francis happily baptize? _____
24. Which bank did Pope Francis reform? _____
25. What are the people who are supposed to help the Pope called? _____
26. How does Pope Francis answer the phone? _____
27. What did Pope Francis write his encyclical on in 2005? _____
28. Pope Francis is the first Pope from _____
29. What did Pope Francis pay the day after he became Pope? _____
30. What did Pope Francis like more than his studies growing up? _____

PART II (10 Points) Essay. Write in complete sentences. Do not use charts and follow directions provided.

1. Pope Francis is much different from the Popes before him. Name one thing that makes him different from the Popes before him and two ways that show this.

Rubric for Each Question:
Complete Sentences: 2Points
Correct Spelling and Grammar: 2Point
Clear Answer to the Question: 2 Point
Two Details Provided with details: 4 Points