

## **READING PROJECT 2008– 2009**

May 2008

Dear Parents of Students Entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

As in the past, we will continue our reading project for the school year 2008-2009. The project will require the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to read one book during the summer vacation and one book per trimester during the school year.

Parents play an important role in their child's educational development; therefore we are providing our students with the opportunity to engage in daily reading to improve their literacy skills. We count on your support in this beautiful on-going project by buying the books and encouraging them to read. The books for the school year will be announced each trimester.

The fifth grade students will be required to do a book summary and answer some pertinent questions after reading each book. On the back of this letter you will find the format your child must use. The work for the book assigned for the summer will be due on the first Friday upon return to school. All work must be done in cursive handwriting and there must be a cover sheet with the title of the book, the author, and the student's name. A picture may be drawn on the title page.

This project will enhance your child's success in school, and indeed, throughout life. That is why it must be his/her original work. Parents of course, may help, but not do it for them.

We look forward to another successful year at St. Michael, and I wish all of you a safe and happy summer.

**Summer Reading – Old Yeller by Fred Gibson**

Mrs. Maria Costello

***ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SCHOOL***

***Book Report***

**Answer the following questions on separate paper. Answer briefly, but in complete sentences.**

1. Title and author of the book.
2. Setting: Where and when the story took place.
3. Who is the main character(s)?
4. Who are the secondary characters?
  - a. Who is your favorite character and why?
5. What is the plot of the story?
  - a. What is the problem that makes the goal difficult to reach?
6. Conclusion. How did the story end?
7. Personal Opinion.
  - a. What was your favorite part of the story?
  - b. What did you like least about the story and how would you improve it?
  - c. Did you like the book? Why? Or Why not?
  - d. Would you recommend this book to others? Why? Or Why not?

***Cover sheet and questions.***

***Late reports will not be accepted and the grade will be a 0.***