

September 18, 2018

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 15, 2018
Conferences for Grades K-4
No School Grades K-4
Grades 5-8 in session



Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Conferences for Grades 5-8
No School Grades 5-8
Grades K-4 in session

You will be meeting with your child's homeroom teacher on the conference days. If you would also like to schedule a separate conference with me on those days, please email me at:

mrs.zumbrum@stmmparish.org

You may also send a note in your child's yellow plastic folder that they use for my class. I will try to accommodate your first choice, but if that is not possible I will contact you to schedule a time.

**God bless,
Mrs. Zumbrum**

September 26, 2018

Reading Strategy

Good readers use many strategies before, during, and after reading. This week I would like your child to practice a strategy before they begin to read.

Before Reading Strategy

Preview the Text

Preview the text by looking at the title, headings, chapter titles, illustrations, or photographs, and any picture with captions. Become familiar with the organization of the text. Ask and answer the following questions before you begin to read:

What clues does the title give me about the text?

What type of text is this?

Is it fiction (fake), or nonfiction (not fake)?

If you are listening to your child read, discuss what they are previewing before they begin to read. Please email me with your response as to how this strategy helps or does not help your child comprehend what they are reading. Thanks for all you do!

Happy Reading!!

Mrs. Zumbrum

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October 5, 2018

Reading Strategy

In addition to the previewing strategy, I would like your child to also practice using the next strategy before they begin to read.

Before Reading Strategy

Access Prior Knowledge

Think about what you already know about the topic or genre. Make a connection with the text. Connect your background knowledge, experiences, attitudes, and feelings with the topic of the text you are about to read. What do you already know about the topic? Ask yourself that question and answer it before you begin to read.

Using these strategies before your child reads gets them ready to read new material and helps them to focus on what they are reading. These strategies also set the groundwork for comprehension of the text being read.

I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and enjoyment your children are displaying as they gain skills and strategies and become better readers. Thank you for helping to build this strong foundation.

**Enjoy the Columbus Day Weekend!
No School
Monday, October 8, 2018**



