

Dear St. Pius X Parents,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! My name is Louise Sandoval, and I am thrilled to be your child's fifth-grade teacher. I am already hard at work planning an incredible, growth-filled year for our upcoming student leaders.

To prevent the "summer slide" and ensure a smooth transition into fifth grade, I have prepared a couple of key summer assignments for the students.

Below is a quick overview of what your child needs to accomplish before the first day of school:

Summer Reading Project

- The Assignment: Please help your child complete the summer reading project.
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. Percy Jackson discovers he is a demigod and embarks on a dangerous quest to find Zeus's stolen lightning bolt and prevent a war among the Greek gods.

Students create a brochure that includes:

- **"Welcome to Camp Half-Blood" Travel Brochure**
- Camp map
- Cabin descriptions
- Activities offered
- Rules for campers
- Mythological creatures to watch out for
- Reasons to attend Camp Half-Blood

- First Week Presentation: Students must be ready to present their project to the class during the first week of school.
- Grading: This project will serve as one of your child's very first grades of the school year. Since it is a project, it will count as a test grade.
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Daily Math Practice (10–15 Minutes)

- The Goal: Mastering multiplication facts is critical for fifth-grade math success. We will begin the year with weekly timed test. 60 facts in 4 minutes.
- Platforms: Students should use 99math.com or IXL.com to practice recommended skills and multiplication facts.
- Login Help: If your child needs help logging into IXL, please contact Mrs. Brown or Dr. Bell for support.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping your child's mind sharp this summer. I cannot wait to meet everyone in August!

Blessings,

Mrs. Louise Sandoval

5th Grade Teacher

St. Pius X Catholic School

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