

Mrs. Seow's Class

This year went by much too quickly.

The fifth grade class has only one assigned book, *The Black Pearl* by Scott O'Dell, author of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Lower level readers have been assigned the Nick and Ricky series.

Although students have only one assigned book, I would like you to encourage your child to make reading an integral part of summer. This is a great time for he/she to read for pleasure, catching up on all the novels he/she couldn't get to during the school year because of assignments.

I cannot stress more vehemently how important reading is in order for your child to be on par for his/her return in September.

Math

I assigned a math packet for your child to practice simple computation skills over the holidays. In addition, I encourage students to continue practicing math facts for ALL operations. While many students struggle with multiplication facts, there are those who are not proficient in addition and subtraction. PLEASE, do not view summer as a time for the brain to 'rest'. Take this as an opportunity to practice those facts your child. The math curriculum is such that there is no time to simply practice math facts in class. The more adept your child is in knowing those facts; the more confident he/she will be in doing computations.

I can be reached at school June 28- July 29 between 8:45-10:30 if you need to contact me.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer!