

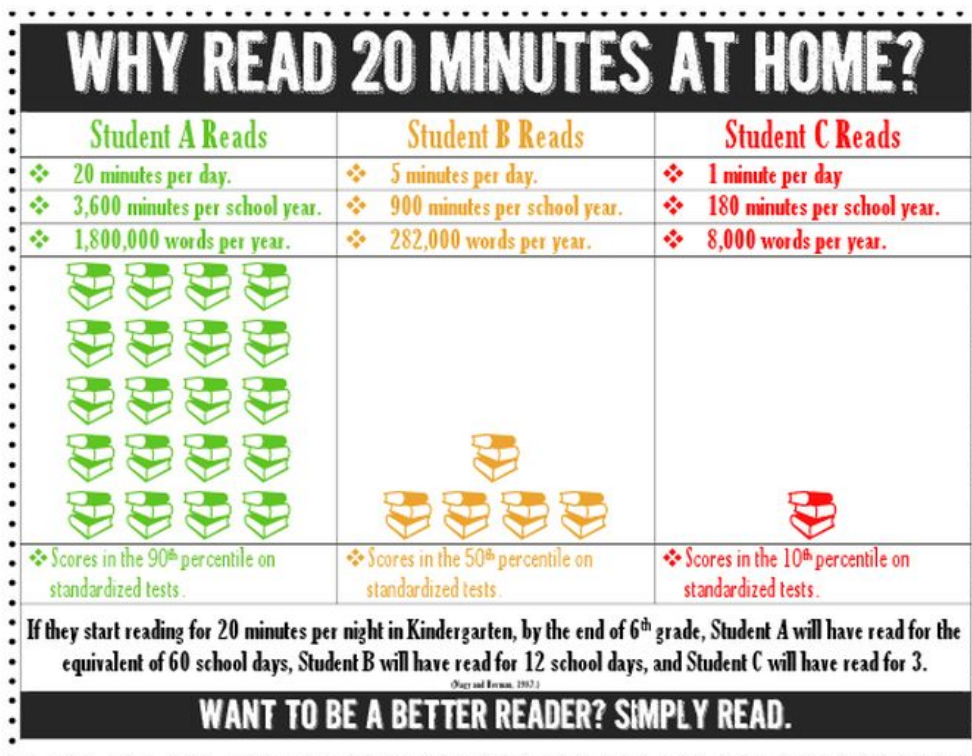


Plant the Seed Today Incoming 3rd Graders

To best support student learning, and to ensure their brains stay sharp over the summer, students are being assigned summer reading. Your involvement as a parent is critical to the success of the Saint Hilary Summer Learning Program:

- *Increased parent involvement leads to improved student achievement. (Fan & Chen, 2001 and jeynes, 2003)*
- *Parent involvement is the most consistent predictor of student success in school. (Bollen & Moles, 1994 and Warner, 1997)*
- *Children who perceive their parents as supporting academics in school perform better. (Epstein, 2001)*

"... the amount and quality of student's access to materials is substantively related to the amount of reading they engage in, which in turn is the most important determinant of reading achievement." Studies show that students' who read more often, read better; they are also better writers, spell better, have larger vocabularies, and have better control of complex grammatical constructions (Krashen 2009)



Summer Prayers, Reading, Math Assignment

It is very important that all Saint Hilary students continue to practice math and improve their skills. For that reason, we are STRONGLY RECOMMENDING students spend an average of 15-20 minutes practicing their math skills, and 15-20 minutes of daily reading.

Skills for Incoming 3rd Graders:

Math:

1. Count, read, write and understand place value through 999
2. Single-digit quotients and products
3. Add and subtract within 1000
4. Estimate and solve 2 and 3 digit addition and subtraction problems
5. Addition and subtraction using money
6. Tell time to the 15 minute

Prayers:

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Our Father
3. Hail Mary
4. Grace Before Meals
5. Grace After Meals
6. Act of Contrition/Sorrow
7. Angel of God
8. Mass Responses

Recommended Resources for Math Review:

- Mathletics- Go to www.mathletics.com and click the Sign In button. Enter the Username and Password you have been assigned. If you are a new or current student, and experience any trouble with the log-on information please email Ms. Turner (eturner@sainthilaryschool.org)
- Summerskills.com (Order workbook)
- Workbooks from Lakeshore Learning
- <http://nlvm.usu.edu/>

Recommended Resources for Typing Practice:

- Typing Web: <http://www.typingweb.com/>
- Dance Mat Typing <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>
- Fix the Keyboard: <http://www.abcya.com/keyboard.htm>
- Typing Tests: <http://www.freetypinggame.net/free-typing-test.asp>

3rd Grade Summer Reading Possibilities

This listing of books offers book titles that are popular with boys and girls who are entering third grade. The list is a good place to start your summer reading, but it is only a beginning. Other titles by these authors or other authors offer enjoyable reading.

Knowing how to choose a good book is part of being a good reader. Have fun choosing and reading books this summer.

Welcome to Miss Mahoney's Third Grade Class! I want everyone to enjoy the summer, rejuvenate, and curl up with some good books. Here are some summer reading suggestions:

- Freckle Juice by Judy Blume (AR 3.1)
- Tornado by Beverly Cleary (AR 3.2)
- James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (AR 4.8)
- Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne (AR 2.6-3.9)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney
- Geronimo Stilton Series

Please have your child read at least two books within their AR level prior to entering the third grade. They may read two from the third grade recommended summer reading list or they can choose books within their AR level. With your report card, you should receive your child's current AR/AR range. You can look up books by using the website arbookfinder.com to see if they are in your child's range. Don't forget, reading should be fun! Find a genre and book that your child will enjoy! Happy reading!