



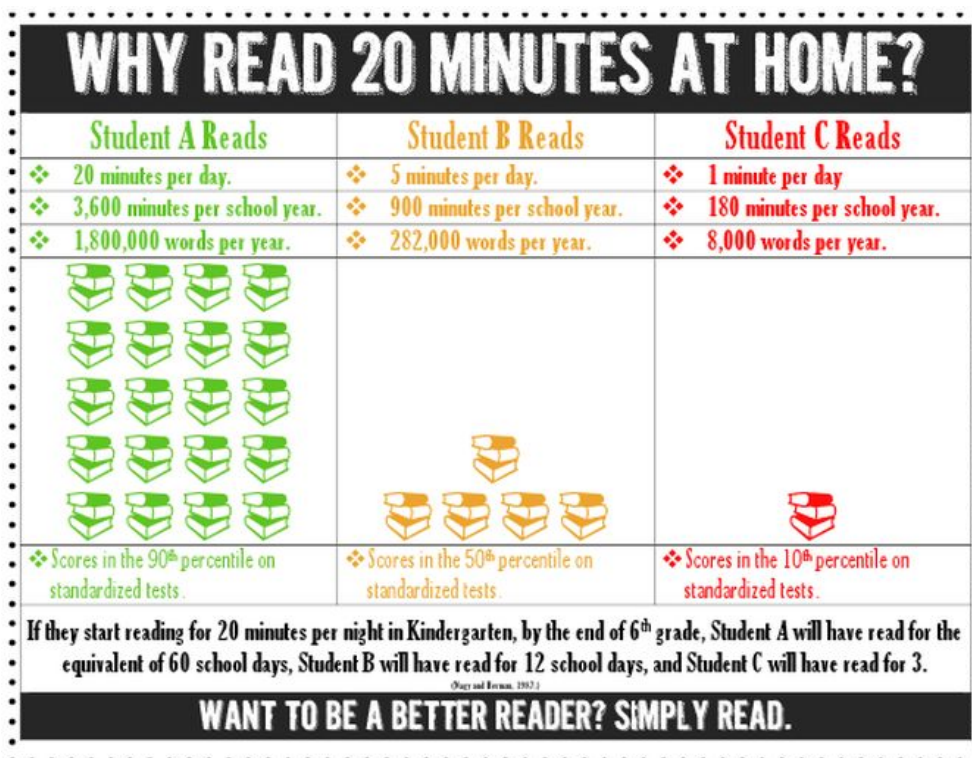
Plant the Seed Today

Incoming 5th 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 5th Graders:

Math:

1. Read, writes, and understands whole numbers through 1million
2. Write fractions and decimals with and without a number line
3. Multi-digit addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems

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
9. Glory Be
10. Morning Offering
11. Apostles Creed
12. Prayer of St Francis

Recommended Resources for Math Review:

- Mathletics- Go to 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) for assistance.
- Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org>. If you need further assistance please email Ms. Potter(cpotter@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/guides/z3c6tfr>
- Fix the Keyboard: <http://www.abcya.com/keyboard.htm>
- Typing Tests: <http://www.freetyinggame.net/free-typing-test.asp>

5th Grade Summer Reading Possibilities

This listing of books offers book titles that are popular with boys and girls who are entering fifth 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.

9 Lives of Alexander Baddenfield by John Bemelmans Marciano
Case File 13: Zombie Kid by K. Scott Savage
Battling Boy by Paul Pope
A Dog and His Girl Mysteries by Jane B. Mason
Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candlemaker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty by Russell Freedman
Far World: Air Keep by J. Scott Savage
Bluffton: My Summers with Buster Keaton by Matt Phelan
Game On! by Jennifer L. Holm
Half-Human Monsters and Other Fiends by Ruth Owen
Hit the Road, Helen! by Kate McMullan
Hokey Pokey by Jerry Spinelli
It Can't be True!
Janitors: Curse of the Broomstaff
Lawless by Jeffrey Salane

The Lost Boy by Greg Ruth
Lost Cities by Natalie Lunis
The Meanest Birthday Girl by Josh Schneider
A Midsummer Night's Scream by R.L. Stine
Midwinterblood by Marcus Sedgwick
Mind Benders: Brain-Boggling Tricks, Puzzles, and Illusions
The Misadventures of the Magician's Dog by Frances Sackett
The Mouse With the Question Mark Tail by Richard Peck
Mummy Lairs by Michael Burgan
National Geographic Kids Series
Prince Puggly of Spud and the Kingdom of Spiff by Robert Paul Weston
The School for Good and Evil by Soman Chaina
Smash: Trial by Fire by Chris A. Bolton III
A Tangle of Knots by Lisa Graff
Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made by Stephan Pasti

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

Ways to Enjoy Reading

- Listen to a book being read aloud
- Take turns reading to a friend or parent
- Read the book by yourself and tell someone about your favorite parts
- Visit the library and explore the section with information books
- Check out a poetry book and make copies of your favorite poems

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to next year!