



Plant The Seed Today

Incoming Kindergarten

Dear Students,

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.

Please feel free to explore whichever grade level review you feel is necessary for your child's development. Our website is also a great reference for an expanded list of prayers to learn and practice.

Summer Prayers, Reading, Math Assignment:

To best support student learning, and ensure their brains stay sharp over the summer they have some reading assignments. 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." The studies show that students' who read more, read better; they also write better, spell better, have larger vocabularies, and have better control of complex grammatical constructions (Krashen, 2009).

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Early Literacy Skills for Incoming Kindergarteners:

1. Uppercase and lowercase recognition
2. Letter Sounds
3. Write their name
4. Write uppercase and lowercase letters
5. Understand that books are read from left to right

Math Skills for Incoming Kindergarteners:

1. Counting up to 30
2. Recognizing and creating patterns
3. Sorting different objects by color, size or shape
4. Identifying quantities of objects
5. Reading and writing numbers of 10
6. Add and Subtract within 5

Prayers for Incoming Kindergarten:

1. Sign of the Cross- with the right hand
2. Our Father Prayer
3. Hail Mary Prayer

Recommended Resources Review:

- www.starfall.com
- www.internet4classrooms.com
- ABC Letter Tracing Free App

Math Recommended Resources:

- Common Core Math Today, by, *Erin McCarthy*
- Workbooks from Lakeshore Learning, Summer Bridge Activities
- Turn on the Human in Calculator in You by Scott Flansburg
- Daily Word Problems Math, By, Evan-Moor

Recommended Authors for Kindergarten:

- Jan Brett
- Eric Carle
- Leo Lionni
- Tommi de Paola
- Audrey Wood
- Mo Willems

- Ruth Heller
- Paul Galdone
- Marcus Pfister
- Audrey Penn
- Brian Wildsmith