



Plant The Seed Today

Incoming 1st Grade

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.

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 (Ballen & 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)

Summer Prayers, Reading, Math Assignment:

Skills for Incoming 1st Graders

Math:

- Count, write, and name numbers to 50
- Add/Subtract within 10 fluently (2 seconds to provide the answers is what it means fluent)
- Single digit addition and subtraction facts to 20
- Days of the week, months of the year
- Identify coins

Recommended Math Review:

- Common Core Math 4 Today, by, *Erin McCarthy*
- Daily Word Problems Math, By, Evan-Moor
- Workbooks from Lakeshore Learning, Summer Bridge Activities
- Turn on the Human in Calculator in You by, Scott Flansburg

Religion:

- Sign of the Cross
- Our Father
- Hail Mary

Language Arts:

- Write, identify and produce the sound for each upper and lowercase letter
- Rhyme words
- Read basic sight words

Personal Skills:

- Tie shoes
- Follow 2 step directions

Recommended Resources:

Math Review:

- Mathletics- Go to www.mathletics.com
 - click the Sign In button.
 - Enter the User Name 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
- Summerskills.com (order workbook)
- Reflux - website that helps students practice math fluency
- Turn on the Human in Calculator in You by Scott Flansburg
- Common Core Math Today, by, *Erin McCarthy*

1st Grade Summer Reading Possibilities

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

Students entering first grade are not expected to be reading independently. If they are, great! Make sure you keep practicing books in an appropriate level! If they aren't, don't worry. They will be by the end of first grade! In the meantime, keep reading to your child. It is just as important.

Reference the “Reading at home” page for tips and suggestions on how make reading enjoyable for everyone.

Suggested Summer Reading Books:

Please reference your child’s Star Early Literacy Assessment results to find the appropriate books. These are only suggested books. If another book peaks your child’s interest more, feel free to read their choice instead.

Early Emergent Readers:

- Aaaarrgghh! Spider! by Lydia Monks
- Are You Ready to Play Outside? Mo Willems
- The Ball Game by David Packard
- Beach Day by Mercer Mayer

Late Emergent Readers:

- One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
- The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog! by Mo Willems (any book in this series)
- 3 Little Firefighters by Stuart J. Murphy
- A Big Guy Took My Ball! by Mo Willems

Transitional Readers:

- Bathtime for Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (any book in this series)
- Bears on Wheels by Stan and Jan Berenstain (any book in this series)
- No, David! by David Shannon
- The Best Nest by P.D. Eastman
- Go, Dog, Go!: P.D. Eastman’s Book of Things That Go by: P.D. Eastman
- Pete the Cat by James Dean (any book in this I Can Read series)

Probable Readers:

- Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr. (any book from this series)
- Pizza For Sam by Mary Labatt
- The Horse in Harry’s Room by Syd Hoff
- Diary of a Worm: Teacher’s Pet by Lori Haskins Houran

Advanced Readers:

- In a People House by Theo LeSieg
- Bugs in my Hair! by David Shannon
- Splat the Cat by Rob Scotton
- Arthur (Series) by Marc Brown
- Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin