



Plant The Seed Today

Incoming 2nd Graders

Dear Parents and Students,

It is very important that all Saint Hilary students continue to practice math and improve their reading 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 (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.)

Summer Prayers, Reading, Math Assignment:

Math Skills for Incoming 2nd Graders

1. Add/Subtract within 100 fluently
2. Single digit sums and differences (sums by memory by end of grade)
3. Recognize place value up to 100
4. Tell time to half hour
5. Identify two and three-dimensional shapes
6. Identify even/odd numbers
7. Skip count to 100 by 2's, 5's 10's

Recommended Math Review:

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

Prayers for Incoming 2nd Graders

1. Sign of the Cross
 2. Our Father
 3. Hail Mary
 4. Grace Before Meals
- Athletics- Go to www.mathletics.com
 - o click the Sign In button.
 - o 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)
 - Workbooks from Lakeshore Learning
 - o Summer Bridge Activities
 - Reflex - 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*

Language Arts

1. Read/write phonetic and high frequency words
2. Compose sentences correctly
3. Use correct punctuation, and grammar
4. Identify/Comprehend parts of a story
5. Identify nouns, predicates, adjectives
6. Read fluently

Personal Skills

1. Work independently/follow routines
2. Follow 3 step directions (spoken/written)

2nd Grade Summer Reading Possibilities

Welcome Room Two Readers!! Let's get ready to read!! Here is how to pick your Summer Reading Books!!

- Check Your ZPD Level
- Pick **ANY FIVE BOOKS** from **Your AR Level** and read them!
- If You Want to Read a Book and You Can't Find it's AR level, use the "5- finger" rule of reading: more than five errors on one page of a book...choose a lower level book to read .
- Here We Gooooooo!!!!

Below is a list of suggestions.

Beverly Cleary - any **ONE** in the Ramona series, Henry Huggins□ or Mouse on a Motorcycle□□AR 4.1-5.1

Strega Nona - Tomie de Paola□AR 3.9□

My First Little House Books - Laura Ingalls Wilder□□

Winter Days in the Big Woods - Laura Ingalls Wilder□AR 4.0□

George and Martha - James Marshall□AR□2.4

My Father's Dragon - Ruth Gannett□(any ONE book of the three book series)□AR5.6□

The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett□(This book can be read to/with children)□□AR 6.3

Magic Tree House - Mary Pope Osborne□(any ONE book of the series)□AR 2.6-4.0□

Henry and Mudge - Cynthia Rylant (any ONE book of the series) AR 2.0-3.0

FICTION: Fun Books

Milo's Hat Trick - John Agee (Hyperion, 2002) AR 2.4

Giraffe's Can't Dance - Giles Andreae (Scholastic 2001) AR 3.8

Never Give a Fish an Umbrella - Mike Thaler (Troll 1966)

Arthur Goes to Camp - Marc Tolon Brown (Little, Brown, Co 1984) AR 2.9

Stage Fright on a Summer Night - Mary Pope Osborne (Random House) AR 3.3

Stone Soup - Jon J. Muth, Scholastic, 2003 AR 3.6

Very Boring Alligator - Jean Gralley, Henry Holt, 2001 AR 1.6

Dear Mrs. LaRue - Mark Teague, Scholastic, 2002 AR 3.6

I Stink! - Kate and Jim McMullan, Harper Collins/Cotler, 2002 AR 1.6

Beware of the Storybook Wolves - Lauren Childs, Arthur Levine, 2002 AR 4.5

Players in Pigtales - Shana Corey Scholastic, 2003 AR 3.4

Henrietta and the Golden Eggs - Hanna Johansen, David R. Godine, 2002 AR 4.4

Ice Cream Cones for Sale! - Elaine Greenstein, Arthur A. Levine, 2003 AR 3.8

Franny B. Kranny, There's a Bird in Your Hair! - Harriet Lerner, Susan Goldhor, Harper Collins, 2001 AR 3.5

AWESOME INDEPENDENT READERS:

Henry and Mudge in the Green Time - Cynthia Rylant, Aladdin, 1992 AR 2.4

Fluffy Grows a Garden - Kate McMullin, Cartwheel, 2002 AR 2.2

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot - Dav Pilkey, ARue Sky, 2002 AR 2.9-4.1

Itching and Twitching: A Nigerian Folktale – Patricia C. & Robert McKissack

Iris and Walter: The School Play - Elissa Haden Guest, Harcourt, 2003 AR 2.8

Inspector Hopper - Doug Cushman, Harper Collins, 2000 AR 2.5

Mystery

The Case of the Runaway Dog - James Preller (Scholastic) AR 3.1

Folk and Fairy Tales

Cendrillion: A Caribbean Cinderella – Daniel Sans Sauci (Simon Schuster)

The Race of Toad and Deer - Pat Mora (Scholastic, 1966) AR 3.1

NONFICTION: Cool Science

Splash - A Book About Whales and Dolphins - Melvin Berger (Scholastic) AR 3.3

The Seashore Question Time – Angela Wilkes (Kingfisher 2001)

Summer Social Studies

A Cool Drink of Water - Barbara Kerley (National Geographic 2002)

Ice Cream: Including Great Moments in Ice Cream History – Jules Older (Charlesbridge 2002)

Poetry

Hey You! C'mere: A Poetry Slam - Elizabeth Swados (Scholastic 2002)

A Poke in the i: A Collection of Concrete Poems - Paul B. Janeczko (Candlewick 2001)

Plum - Tony Mitten, Arthur A. Levine 2003

Bow Wow Meow Meow - Douglas Florian, Harcourt, 2003 AR 2.4

The Owl and the Pussycat - Edward Lear, Chronicle 2003 AR 2.5

Math

Measuring Penny - Loreen Leedy, Henry Holt □ AR 3.2

Cookbook: The Kids Can Press Jumbo Cookbook – Judi Gillies, (Kids Can Press 2001) □

□ **Chapter Books: (varying difficulty levels) (students in Room Two are required to have a chapter book in their desk for quiet read time each day during the school year. Here are some good choices to look at...)** □ □

Magic Tree House Series - Mary Pope Osborne □ AR 2.8-4.0

Animal Ark Series - Ben Baglio □ AR 3.2-5.3

The Arthur Series - Marc Brown (beginning reading) □ AR 1.5-3.5

My Father's Dragon series - R. Gannet □ AR 5.6

Junie B. Jones - Barbara Park □ AR 2.0-3.0

"Gooseberry Park" and the Henry and Mudge series - Cynthia Rylant □ AR 2.0-3.0

The Stories Julian Tells and The Stories Huey Tells (Stepping Stones) - Ann Cameron □ AR 3.4, 3.1

Annie Pitt Series - Diane deGroat □

Step into Reading: Step 2 Series - Stephen Krensky □

Sports Series - Matt Christopher (author) □ AR 3.0-6.8

The Gator Girls - Joanna Cole □ AR 2.8

Amber Brown Series - Paula Danziger AR 2.6-4.1

Jigsaw Jones Series - James Prellar □ □ AR 3.0-4.2

Advanced Readers

Because of Winn Dixie- Kate DiCamillo □ □ AR 3.9

Chasing Vermeer - ARue Balliett □ AR 5.4 □

Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke □ AR 4.9 □

Holes - Louis Sachar □ □ AR 4.6

Missing May - Cynthia Rylant □ □ AR 5.3

Roll of Thunder: Hear My Cry - Mildred E. Taylor □ □ AR 5.7

The Trumpet of the Swan - E.B. White □ □ AR 4.9

The Young Man and the Sea - Rodman Philbrick AR 4.5 □ □

Abby Hayes - Anne Mazer □ □ AR 3.7-4.0

Bone - Jeff Smith AR 6.8 □ □

Children of the Lamp - P.B. Kerr AR 6.6 □ □

A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket □ □ AR 6.4-7.0

Time Warp Trio - Jon Scieszka □ AR 3.5-4.0 □

The Underland Chronicles- Suzanne Collins □ □

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - L. Frank Baum □ AR 7.0 □ □