



Plant The Seed Today

Incoming 5th Grader

Dear Student,

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).

Math Skills:

1. Read, write, and understand whole numbers through 1 million
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 www.mathletics.com and 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.
- Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org>.
- Summerskills.com (order workbook)
- Turn on the Human in Calculator in You by Scott Flansburg
- Common Core Math Today, by, *Erin McCarthy*
- Workbooks from Lakeshore Learning, Summer Bridge Activities
- Daily Word Problems Math, By, Evan-Moor

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://jwww.freotypinggame.net/free-typing-test.asp>

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.

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

5th Grade Summer Reading:

The summer reading for 5th grade will utilize our school's wonderful Accelerated Reader program so that it better reflects students who read at different levels. We do not want to assign specific books, but instead, want the students to pick books that are within their reading ranges. Students are required to read 3 new books from 3 different genres over the summer.

Following is a list of possible genres from which students can choose:

- biography/ autobiography
- informational · historical · classic literature
- historical fiction
- realistic fiction

- fantasy
- science fiction
- mystery

Students should use their AR reading ranges to select appropriately leveled books. Your child's current AR's will be sent home with his or her report card. To find a book, or determine if a book is within their AR level please go to: ARBOOKFIND.COM. If you are a new student to the school and do not have a reading range from the Accelerated Reader program, choose 3 books from 3 different genres. Do your best to choose books that are in your reading level. A good rule of thumb: Read one full page. If you cannot read and understand five or more words on that page, the book is too difficult for you. If there are no challenging words, the book may be too easy.

When students arrive at school they should be prepared to take an AR quiz for each story they read over the summer. Thank you and have fun reading.

Fifth Grade Summer Reading Possibilities

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[Click here for some suggestions!](#)

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!