



Plant The Seed Today

Incoming 6th 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. Know the relationships between decimals and fractions
2. Add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals
3. Add, subtract, and multiply fractions including mixed numbers
3. Solve for basic algebraic expression (e.g. $x - 4 = 12$)

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
13. Hail Holy Queen
14. Mysteries of the Rosary
15. Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

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)
- Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/>.
- If you need further assistance please email Mrs. De Biasio (cdebiasio@sainthilaryschool.org)
- Summerskills.com (order workbook)
- 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://www.freetypinggame.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 sixth grade. The list is a good place to start your summer reading, but it is only a beginning.

[Click Here](#)

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.

