



Plant The Seed Today

Incoming 7th Graders

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:

- o Increased parent involvement leads to improved student achievement (Fan & Chen, 2001 and Jeynes, 2003)*
- o Parent involvement is the most consistent predictor of student success in school (Ballen & Moles, 1994 and Warner, 1997)*
- o 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 7th Graders:

1. Convert among decimals, percents, and fractions
2. Understand the distributive property (e.g. $2(x+4)=2x+8$)
3. Understand positive and negative numbers (e.g. whole numbers, fractions and decimals)
4. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals
5. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions and mixed numbers

Prayers for Incoming 7th Graders:

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. Act of Faith, Hope, Love (Charity)
16. Magnificat
17. 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) for assistance.
- 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, Bridge Summer Activities

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:

The summer reading for 7th grade will utilize our school's wonderful Accelerated Reader program so that it better reflect 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. Below is the list of genres from which students can choose. At the bottom of this document are a few recommendations that relate directly to the 8th grade curriculum in Literature and US History.

- 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. They will be sent home with 4th quarter report cards. To find appropriately leveled books for your child please visit ARBookfind.com and type in the name of a book that you are considering.

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. Below are some suggestions.

7th Grade Summer Reading List

- Uncle Ronald*, by Doyle, Brian
Walking on Air, by Easton, Kelly
Begging for Change, by Flake, Sharon G.
The Wolves in the Walls, by Gaiman, Neil
The Way a Door Closes, by Smith, Hope Anita
No Laughter Here, by Williams-Garcia, Rita
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (and others in the series), by Gantos, Jack
Saffy's Angel, by McKay, Hilary
Courtney Crumrin and the Night Things (and other volumes), by Naifeh, Ted
Seadogs: An Epic Ocean Operetta, by Wheeler, Lisa
Some of the Kinder Planets, by Wynne-Jones, Tim
Millicent Min: Girl Genius, by Yee, Lisa
The Conch Bearer, by Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee
Stitches, by Huser, Glen
Inkheart, by Funke, Cornelia
Coraline, by Gaiman, Neil
Pictures of Hollis Woods, by Giff, Patricia Reilly
Cuba 15, by Osa, Nancy
When My Name Was Keoko, by Park, Linda Sue
Blue Jasmine, by Sheth, Kashmira
Hush, by Woodson, Jacqueline
The Heart of a Chief, by Bruchac, Joseph
Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case, by Crowe, Chris
The City of Ember, by DuPrau, Jeanne
Worth the Risk, by Erlbach, Arlene
The House of the Scorpion, by Farmer, Nancy
The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours, by Goodall, Jane
Hoot, by Hiaasen, Carl
Messenger, by Lowry, Lois
Patrol: An American Soldier in Vietnam, by Myers, Walter Dean
Mortal Engines (The Hungry City Chronicles), by Reeve, Philip
Stargirl, by Spinelli, Jerry
Al Capone Does My Shirts, by Choldenko, Gennifer
Wolf on the Fold, by Clarke, Judith
Gregor the Overlander, by Collins, Suzanne
The Bread Winner, Parvana's Journey and Mud City, by Ellis, Deborah
Spirited Away, vol 1, by Mizayaki, Hayao
Bucking the Sarge, by Curtis, Christopher Paul
Aldabra, by Gandolfi, Sylvana
Olive's Ocean, by Henkes, Kevin
Kira-Kira, by Kadohata, Cynthia
What Have You Lost?, by Nye, Naomi Shihab
Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss, and What I Learned, by Winick, Judd
Locomotion, by Woodson, Jacqueline
Tomboy of the Air: Daredevil Pilot Blanche Stuart Scott, by Cummins, Julie
Ben Franklin's Almanac: Being a True Account of the Good Gentleman's Life, by Fleming, Candace
Runaway Girl: The Artist Louise Bourgeois, by Greenberg, Jan and Sandra Jordan
The Other Side: Shorter Poems, by Johnson, Angela
Bulls-eye: A Photobiography of Annie Oakley, by Macy, Sue
The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers, by Maurer, Richard
Carver, a Life in Poems, by Nelson, Marilyn
This Land was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie, by Partridge, Elizabeth
After the Last Dog Died: The True-Life, Hair-Raising Adventure of Douglas Mawson and His 1912 Antarctic Expedition, by Bredeson, Carmen
An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793, by Murphy, Jim
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science, by Fleischman, John
The Books of Magic, by Gaiman, Neil
Magnificent Voyage: An American Adventurer on Captain James Cook's Final Expedition, by Lawlor, Laurie
Fish, by Matthews, L. S.
Run, Boy, Run, by Orlev, Uri
Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex, by Philbrick, Nathaniel
The Road to There: Mapmakers and Their Stories, by Ross, Val
The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins, by Schyffert, Bea Uusma