

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. To help get you started this summer, you and your child are encouraged to complete the **Kindergarten Summer Reading Challenge Bingo Board!** You will find your board, along with a **handout** of a few tips to help cultivate a love of reading, in this info folder. Mark the titles off as you read together and try to get *at least one* BINGO!

Send your board to school with your child during the first week to share our favorite reads of the summer and for the chance to win a prize during our first library class! Ms. Albertson and I are looking forward to meeting our newest **Bulldogs** in the library this August!

Please note that the librarians at any of the several surrounding **public libraries** would be delighted to help you find and borrow any or all of the titles included on the Summer Reading Challenge board. If you prefer to purchase the titles for your child, the helpful staff at **Politics & Prose** (located at 5015 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008) have a copy of the reading challenge list on hand. Be sure to tell the staff that the books are for your summer reading list for **10% off** at checkout!

Have a great summer and **HAPPY READING!**

Sincerely,

Miss Brooke Fries  
Librarian/Media Specialist

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Class \_\_\_\_\_



# Kindergarten Summer Reading Challenge

Read all summer long! Try to get a BINGO by reading 5 books in a row, going up and down, left and right, or diagonally. Bring this bingo board back to school during the first week to show off what you've read all summer!

*BONUS: Read and mark off ALL the books to win a prize during our first library class of the school year when you bring your board back to school!*

<i>Summer Song</i> by Kevin Henkes	<i>Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons</i> by Eric Litwin	<i>How to Say Hello to a Worm</i> by Kari Percival	<i>How to Apologize</i> by David LaRochelle	<i>Inside Cat</i> by Brendan Wenzel
<i>Little Dandelion Seeds the World</i> by Julia Richardson	<i>Grumpy Monkey</i> by Suzanne Lang	<i>Lizzy and the Cloud</i> by Terry Fan	<i>Hot Dog</i> by Dough Salati	<i>Over and Under the Waves</i> by Kate Messner
<i>Gaston</i> by Kelly DiPucchio	<i>Knight Owl</i> by Christopher Denise	<b>*FREE SPACE*</b>  READ ANY BOOK OF <u>YOUR CHOICE!</u>	<i>How Rocket Learned to Read</i> by Tad Hills	<i>It's Okay to Make Mistakes</i> by Todd Parr
<i>Loved to Bits</i> by Teresa Heapy & Katie Cleminson	<i>A House</i> by Kevin Henkes	<i>The Boy with Flowers in His Hair</i> by Jarvis	<i>I'm Gonna Like Me</i> by Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell	<i>Sam and Dave Dig a Hole</i> by Mac Barnett
<i>What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?</i> by Robin Page & Steve Jenkins	<i>How I Spent My Summer Vacation</i> by Mark Teague	<i>Sophie's Squash go to School</i> by Pat Zietlow Miller & Anne Witsdorf	<i>Every Color Soup</i> by Jorey Hurley	<i>And Then Comes Summer</i> by Tom Brenner



## 2023 Summer Math and Grammar Assignment

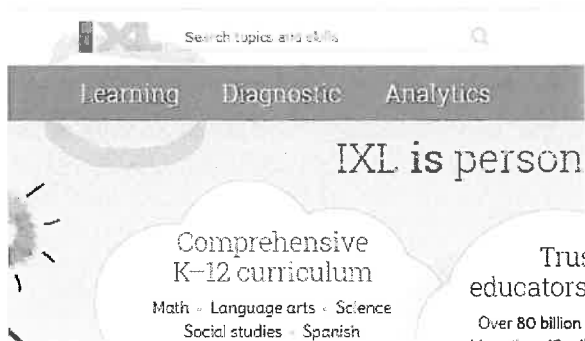
Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

Summer is upon us again. Studies show that children need reinforcement of learned skills over the summer. The summer assignment is 20 math skills and 20 grammar skills from the “SUMMER BOOST SKILLS PLAN” located in your ixl.com account. You may work at your own pace, but the preferred method is to practice a little each day. There is no need to keep a paper record of your ixl.com practice. Your teacher has access to your progress.

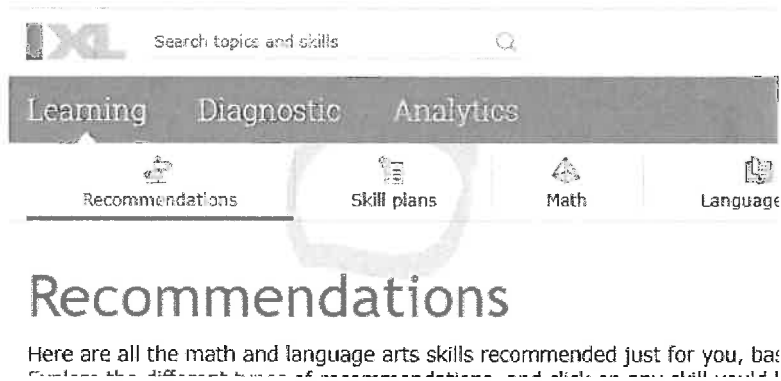
This assignment will be your first graded math assignment for the 2023-24 school year. If you are unable to complete this assignment due to summer plans, you **MUST** have a parent communicate with the school. An alternate assignment will be given.

### How to Access you Summer Assignment:

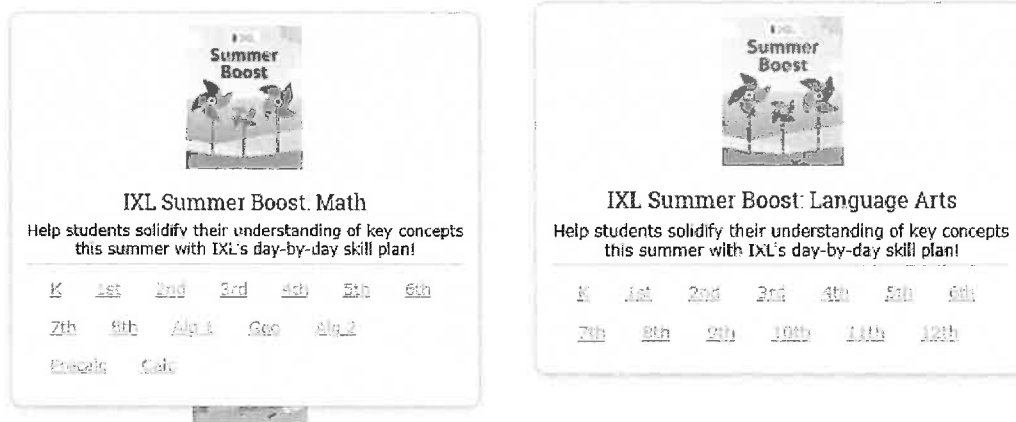
1. Go to <https://www.IXL.com>
2. Enter your username and password in the upper right corner and click the button to sign in.
3. From the home page, click on the “LEARNING” tab.



4. From the “Learning” tab, click on “SKILL PLANS.”



5. From the Skill Plans, Select “IXL SUMMER BOOST: MATH” or “IXL SUMMER BOOST: LANGUAGE ARTS.” Select the grade you will be entering NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. (For example, students who just finished 6<sup>th</sup> grade should select 7<sup>th</sup> grade.)



6. During the summer, complete each of the skills with a Smartscore of 80 or higher. If you already have a Smartscore for one of the sections, complete 10 practice problems to receive credit for the section.

I hope you will use IXL regularly this summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,  
Blessed Sacrament Language Arts and Math Teachers