



## 2023 Summer Math and Grammar Assignment

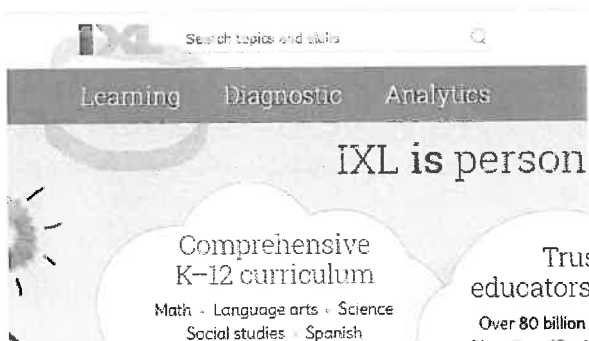
Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

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.

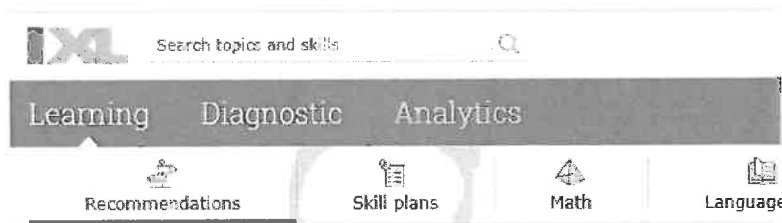
This assignment will be your first graded math assignment for the 2023-24 school year. If you are unable to complete this assignment due to summer plans, you **MUST** have a parent communicate with the school. An alternate assignment will be given.

### 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.



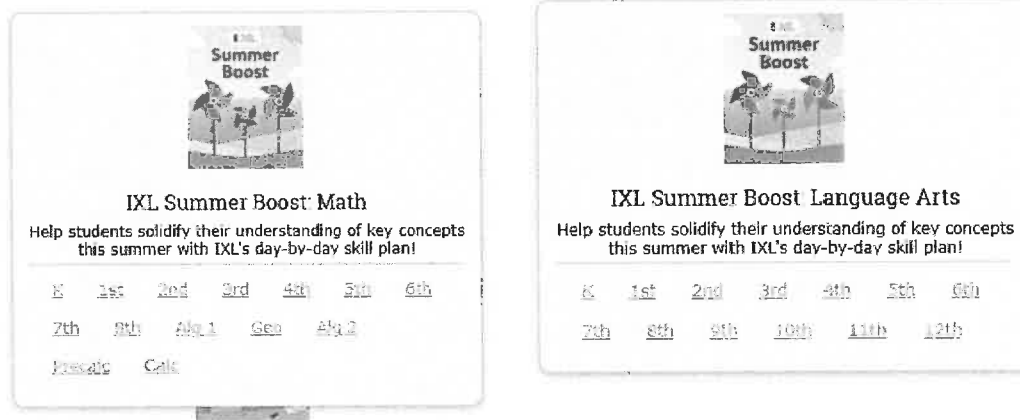
4. From the “Learning” tab, click on “SKILL PLANS.”



## Recommendations

Here are all the math and language arts skills recommended just for you, based on the different levels of recommendations and skills you've mastered.

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

## 2023 Summer Reading Instructions for Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Hello Rising Fifth Grader!

In addition to the Math work you will be doing this summer, you will also be reading one book of your choice, which is at least 150 pages long. It can be fiction or nonfiction, but it should be a book you have not previously read. No graphic novels will be accepted for this assignment (example: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*). (Of course we hope you will read several books over your summer holiday, but you only need to report on one of them.)

**Assignment:** After you read each chapter, write a short summary (2-3 sentences). If your book has really short chapters, for example 1-2 pages in length, you can group 2-3 chapters together for your chapter summaries. When you have finished reading the whole book, write a **three paragraph** summary (beginning, middle, and end) of the book. Be sure to check spelling and punctuation. You should create a fun cover page (using at least 5 colors and have a full hand-drawn picture) and staple everything together. Your report should be written in cursive or typed. This is due on the first day of school, August 28, 2023. \*For every day the assignment is late, 2 points will be deducted.

Have fun, enjoy reading, and see you in August!!

Your Fifth Grade Team

### 5th Grade Summer Book Report

Student Name: _____				
CATEGORY	10 points	8 points	6 points	4 points
Cover Page	Book cover is creative, neat, and demonstrates the reader's understanding of the topic.	Book cover is creative, shows some effort, and demonstrates the reader's understanding of the topic.	Book cover shows minimal effort and an incomplete understanding of the topic.	Project submitted but book cover is not included.
Whole Book Summary	Directions were followed and the book summary is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs.	Directions were mostly followed and book summary is generally organized with well-constructed paragraphs.	Directions were not followed entirely and the book summary is not properly organized.	The information appears to be disorganized and directions were not followed.
Chapter Summary	All chapters summarized using 2-3 informative sentences.	Most chapters are summarized using 2-3 sentences.	Some chapter summaries are missing or poorly written.	No chapter summaries included.
Mechanics	Almost no grammatical*, spelling, or punctuation errors.	A few grammatical*, spelling, or punctuation errors	Obvious grammatical* spelling, or punctuation errors.	Significant grammatical*, spelling, or punctuation errors.
Colors and Picture	There are at least 5 colors and a full picture on the title page.	There are at least 4 colors and a picture that takes up 75% of the title page.	There are at least 3 colors and a picture that takes up 50% of the title page.	There are 2 or less colors and a small picture on the title page.
			Total: _____ / 50	_____ %

\*Grammatical errors are based on what skills were learned in 4th grade.

## Popular/Suggested 5th Grade Reading List Book

Teachers have not read all of these books on the list, so please review the book before your child begins reading a story to see if it's appropriate for him/her. The staff at Politics and Prose is always helpful and ready to give suggestions, too!

According to the Politics and Prose website: "Students get 10% off summer reading list books." Just remember to mention Blessed Sacrament Summer Reading, when you are checking out.

Happy Summer Reading!

1. *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
2. *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
3. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
4. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin
5. *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster
6. *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
7. *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
8. Any book by Andrew Clements (ex: *Lunch Money, No Talking, A School Story*)
9. *The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman
10. *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
11. *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare
12. *Fairy Tale Reform School* series by Jen Calonita
13. *Eddie Red Undercover* series by Marcia Wells
14. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein
15. *Save Me a Seat* by Gina Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
16. *Count Me In* by Varsha Bajaj
17. *Candymakers* by Wendy Mass
18. *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid
19. *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
20. *Nightmares* by Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller (Fiction)
21. Any book by Stuart Gibbs (ex: *Spy School, Space Case*)
22. *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
23. *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
24. *Get a Grip Vivy Cohen* by Sarah Kapit
25. *The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett and Jory John
26. *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya
27. *City Spies* by James Ponti
28. Any Mary Downing Hahn books (ghost stories)
29. *Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner
30. *My Life as a Potato* by Arianne Costner
31. *A Wish In The Dark* by Christina Soontornvat
32. *Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie