



## 2023 Summer Math and Grammar Assignment

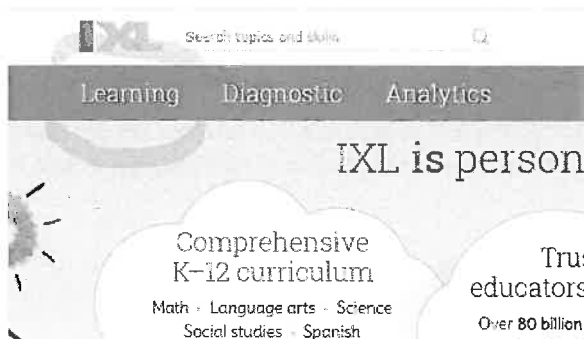
Dear Blessed Sacrament Families,

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.

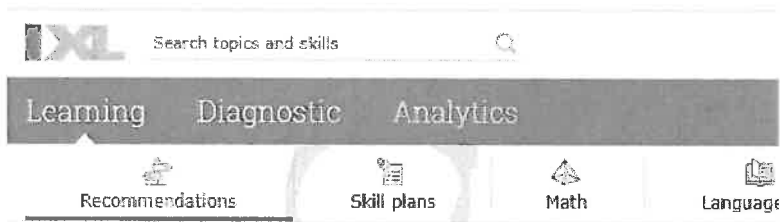
This assignment will be your first graded math assignment for the 2023-24 school year. If you are unable to complete this assignment due to summer plans, you **MUST** have a parent communicate with the school. An alternate assignment will be given.

### 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.



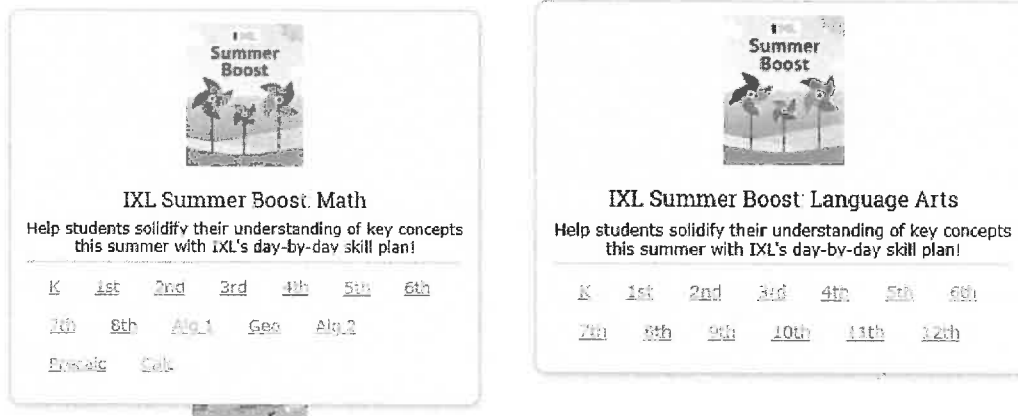
4. From the “Learning” tab, click on “SKILL PLANS.”



## Recommendations

Here are all the math and language arts skills recommended just for you, based on the different types of recommendations and data on your skill level!

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 Work - Rising 6th grade - Language Arts

Dear Rising 6th graders,

Have fun this summer – and keep those big brains humming along as you relax! These assignments are designed to help. I am very much looking forward to having you in LA next year!

You are expected to come to school with summer work completed. The short essays are due on the first day of LA. Please email me with any questions or concerns: [clincoln@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:clincoln@blessedsacramentdc.org).

Happy Summer,  
Ms. Lincoln

1. **READING/WRITING** Choose one set of 2 books to read from the two options listed below. Then, write a short compare and contrast essay - a minimum of 4 paragraphs. You may not choose a book from each set, but must choose one option for your essay. I suggest looking up each book before making your choice of option.

Books are available on Amazon and in public libraries.

**Option #1:** Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry  
The Boy In Striped Pajamas, by John Boyne

Both books are historical fiction set in Europe during World War II. You may need to look up the Holocaust to understand the setting if you are unfamiliar with it.

**Option #2:** True Grit, by Charles Portis  
Pony, by R.J. Palacio

Both books are set in the American West but are not historical fiction.

2. **NEW WORDS** Please list at least 3 words with parts of speech and definitions from each book in the option you chose that were new to you. Be prepared to share them with the class.