

Grades 5-8 Summer Learning Activities

Name: _____



Directions:

Students should complete the following four projects during this summer. The math and reading projects total up to *only 40 minutes per day*. *Every student can accomplish these goals!*



READ – READ – READ: All parents, teachers, and students are challenged to read 1,000 pages or more over the summer. There will be surprises for all who reach this goal. Complete the attached form showing your reading progress throughout the summer. *In order to read 1,000 pages, you should read about 20 pages per day. Plan to set aside at least 30 minutes per day for reading. You can do it!*

Students in each grade have a required book that they MUST READ during the summer. Their class's book will be an important part of discussions and work during the first days back to school in the fall.

Going into 5th Grade, read: ***The Lemonade War*** by Jacqueline Davies

Going into 6th Grade, read: ***The Tiger Rising*** by Kate DiCamillo

Going into 7th Grade, read: ***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon Draper

Going into 8th Grade, read: ***I Will Always Write Back*** by Alifirenka, Ganda, and Welch

Students can get these books at the Montgomery and Prince George's County Library Systems along with millions of other books. Students can also read books from the Great Book Challenge or buy books from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or used bookstores. *There are no excuses for not having enough books to read all summer long!*



PRACTICE – PRACTICE – PRACTICE: Math requires students to regularly work through problems so that they become very comfortable with math facts and can solve problems with ease.

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Students should regularly use their iXL account during the summer. Math teachers have given students iXL levels that they need to complete before we return in the fall. **Students should put in at least 70 minutes of math practice on iXL every week.** *The practice can be done on their Chromebook, on an iPad or other tablet, or even on a smart phone. If students put in 10 minutes per day, they will meet their goals.*



For it is in giving that we receive! On the first full day of school, students will be asked to write a 2-page essay about what they did during the summer to serve others. It could be as simple as helping a younger sibling read every night to helping an elderly neighbor with their lawn. There are lots of other opportunities available like cleaning up the environment, volunteering, or helping at church or a charity organization.

For 8th grade, all students at SFIS have service requirements for graduation, for Confirmation, and for the National Junior Honor Society and most high schools also require community service each year.

SFIS believes strongly that all students must be prepared to be instruments of peace and global citizens and part of those goals means learning to serve others. *The summer is the perfect time to find ways to serve to meet service requirements and because it will make you feel good!*



Be part of a church community! None of us is alone in this world. God created us to have relationships with other people. As church communities we try to live as Jesus taught us and we try to support one another in our times of joy and struggle.

Please find time to pray throughout the summer. It can be quiet moments to talk to God in your heart or it can be more formal things like pausing at noon to pray the Angelus, singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to yourself, or taking a moment to read an inspiration word from Scripture or from a saint on your phone. You can even say the Our Father with your parents or grandparents.

But, don't just be alone in your faith. Go to mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings), let your parents know you want to go if your family's busy schedule makes it hard. There are many, many churches in this area ... you might even consider walking to your local church for daily mass sometime.

There are also youth groups at most churches and you are invited to get involved. If you don't know where to look, there is a middle school group at St. Camillus that meets every week ... email the Youth Minister to find out more information about when youth group meets: pablo@stcamillus.net



It's time to get your mind and habits ready to be a scholar at Saint Francis International School!



For Rising 8th Graders:

You have to complete all of the parts necessary to find and apply to the right high school for you by Christmas Break . *That's not a lot of time!*

- Be sure to review the SFIS *High School Admissions Process Guide* with your parents. You need to narrow down the list of schools you want to go to for shadow visits by the end of the summer.
- The HSPT exam will be taken right after Thanksgiving Break. Use this summer vacation to get ready. Work in your Barron's *HSPT PRACTICE BOOK* for at least 15 minutes every day (that's 1 ½ hours per week). Remember: DO NOT use a calculator when you practice because calculators are not allowed on the test.

1,000 Page Reading Challenge



Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parents, Teachers, and Students are invited to read 1,000 pages over the summer! Please read! You can read aloud together! You can read on your own! Hang this on your refrigerator at home and write the dates, book and number of pages you read! Use this sheet to keep track of your reading, follow the *EXAMPLE BELOW*. We will collect this page during the first week of school! Make extra copies of this page if you need them.

Date	Book Title	Pages Read	Total Pages (add up the pages as you go along)
<i>July 1</i>	<i>Horton Hears a Who</i>	<i>1 to 10</i>	<i>0 + 10 = 10</i>
<i>July 2</i>	<i>Horton Hears a Who</i>	<i>11 to 16</i>	<i>10 + 6 = 16</i>
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