

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This summer, we would like the students to continue honing their skills using IXL. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math, language arts, science, and social studies practice across thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to state standards. We have used it throughout the year as a reinforcement.

To get your child started on your home computer, please follow these easy steps:

1. Go to <https://www.ixl.com/signin/stjohnvi>
2. Enter your child's username and password and click "Sign in."
(Note: Same username and password they have used all school year)
3. In the top right you will a star with "Suggestions from your teacher" or go to the "recommendations tab" under Learning

IXL is designed to help your child learn at their own pace. The program is adaptive and will adjust based on your child's demonstrated understanding of the material. All of your child's results will be saved, so you can monitor their progress anytime by clicking on Analytics. For on-the-go practice, you can download IXL's free mobile apps for Apple, Android, or Kindle and sign in with your child's username and password.

I hope you'll encourage your child to use IXL regularly. Here's to a year of working together to make learning fun!

Sincerely,

7th - 8th Grade Teachers

MATH - Rising 7th Students
Summer Assignments

Mr. Miller has assigned skills to complete over the summer for your Summer Math Assignment. This is a ***recommended*** schedule and order, but you can cover different assigned skills during different weeks, if you choose. Please complete the one suggested skill, **30 minutes or more AND/OR a score of 70% or above**, each week starting the week of Monday, July 7 to not have to rush to finish them all the last week of summer. You may find the skills by going to recommended, searching the skill name, OR going under the learning tab -> select Math skills -> click the desired grade -> find the skill.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Skill</u>
7/7 - 7/13	Evaluate Numerical Expressions Involving Decimals	6th - J.3
7/14 - 7/20	Evaluate Numerical Expressions Involving Fractions	6th - N.3
7/21 - 7/27	Add and Subtract Like Terms	6th - Z.11
7/28 - 8/3	Calculate Mean, Median, and Mode	6th - JJ.2
8/4 - 8/10	Convert and Compare Metric Units	6th - W.7
8/11 - 8/17	Area of Quadrilaterals	6th - GG.10
8/18 - 8/24	Volume of Cubes and Rectangular Prisms	6th - HH.1
8/25 - 8/31	Understand Integers** **Only need 20 minutes OR 70%	6th - O.1

Language Arts Rising 7 & 8: ELA IXL and Summer Reading: Summer 2025

Summer 2025 IXL Assignment

- Rising 7th Graders complete IXL Summer Skill Boost Plan: Language Arts 7th Grade
 - <https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-7>
- Rising 8th Graders complete IXL Summer Skill Boost Plan: Language Arts 8th Grade
 - <https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-8>

All IXL Assignments have been pinned in IXL for existing students. Please work on each lesson (20 in total) for 15 minutes OR until you reach a score of 100. Most lessons can be completed in less than 15 minutes. Lessons are listed as 5 per week (1 per day) for 4 weeks, but you may complete them at your own pace.

Summer 2025 Summer Reading

This summer you will need to read **ONE** age-appropriate fiction book **that you have not read.**

Suggested authors and titles include:

Kwame Alexander

Katherine Applegate, *Flora and Ulysses* and others

Kelly Barnhill, *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*

Anne Brashares, *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*

Jason Buckley, *Sisters Grimm* series

Chris Colfer, *Land of Stories* series

Eoin Colfer, *Artemis Fowl* series

Suzanne Collins, *Hunger Games*, Gregor the Overlander series

Jerry Craft, *New Kid* series

James Dashner, *Maze Runner* series

Disney Twisted Tales series (multiple authors)

Neil Gaiman, *The Graveyard Book*

Alan Gratz, historical fiction

Anthony Horowitz, *Alex Rider* series

Gordan Korman, *Restart* and others

Mike Lupica, sports

Wendy Mass, *Birthday* series and others

Gary Paulsen, *Hatchet* and others

Jason Reynolds, *Ghost* series

Ransom Riggs, *Miss Peregrine* series

Rick Riordan, *Percy Jackson* and others

J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter* Series

Pam Munoz Ryan, *Esperanza Rising* and others

Michael Scott, *Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel* series

Jerry Spinelli, *Stargirl*, *Crash*, and others

Trenton Lee Stewart, *The Mysterious Benedict Society* series

Markus Zusack, *The Book Thief*

SEVENTH GRADERS SHOULD NOT READ *The Outsiders* as we will read it in class.

EIGHTH GRADERS SHOULD NOT READ *Romeo and Juliet* as we will read it in class.

When you complete the book, you will choose one of the following projects to complete.

1. Create an **original** book cover for the book. It should not be a recreation of an existing book cover.

The cover must include the title and the author's name. You may create the cover by drawing or digitally using Canva, etc., but if you create the cover digitally you **MUST** turn in a print out that is printed **at home.**

On the back of the cover, you should include a one paragraph summary (without the ending) that explains what the book is about and gets someone excited to read it. You should also include 1-2 sentence reviews of the book, as you often see on an actual book cover. This may be a separate typed page attached to the back of your book design.

OR

2. Write a 30 question test for your book, including an answer key. Your test must include 10 multiple choice questions, 10 matching or true/false questions, and 10 short answer questions which are answered in complete sentences. You must create your document like a test would be given to you.

If you have any questions about the appropriateness of your book or the project, please email me at gdamanti@sjvs.net. I will be checking this email regularly, but not daily.

Project Due: Monday, September 8, 2025

Rising 7th and 8th Grade Supply List for the 2025-2026 School Year

General for all classes-

- Backpack
- Pencil Case
 - Scissors
 - Glue stick
 - Colored Pencils
 - Pencils (#2 or mechanical)
 - Black or blue pens (erasable **and** non erasable)
 - 2 correcting pens
 - 2 highlighters
 - 3 dry erase markers
- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Clorox Wipes
- **Wired** earbuds compatible with Chromebooks (no longer using AirPods)
- Refillable water bottle that closes (no open straw)

Language Arts -

- 3 subject spiral notebook with pockets or a separate folder; 8th graders may use last year's notebook
- Loose leaf paper

Math -

- One Graphing Notebook - Composition Book (not spiral)
- Folder

Social Studies -

- Standard Binder 1½" - no Trapper Keepers or zip up binders
- Loose leaf paper
- 3-ring pocket folder for inside binder

Science -

- Standard Binder 1½" - no Trapper Keepers or zip up binders
- Loose leaf paper
- 3-ring pocket folder for inside binder

8th Grade Religion

- Folder

7th Grade Religion

- Composition notebook

Spanish

- Composition notebook; you may continue using last year's notebook
- Folder