

Summer 2023 Requirements & Study Suggestions Rising 7th Graders

Dear Parents,

In this packet, you will find a list of resources for students to use over the summer. These resources are intended to help students keep their skills sharp and start seventh grade off strong. **Please note that summer reading for literature and service hours for religion are REQUIRED.** All other items listed are suggested, but not required.

Thank you for sharing your children with us this year! They are a wonderful group of kids and we very much enjoyed teaching them!

Sincerely,
Ms. Garrison
Ms. Murad
Mrs. Boyd
Mrs. Orchowski



LITERATURE

All incoming 7th graders are **REQUIRED** to read two books over the summer. Any additional books that students read will count as extra credit. Be prepared to take an AR test on one of them. A reading log is provided in this packet. Students need to print this and turn it in to Mrs. Shotland on the first day of school.

RELIGION

Rising 7th and 8th grade students have 2 options for summer service hours. They can raise \$50 over the summer towards our bi-annual Make-A-Wish project or they can complete 5 hours of community service during the summer months and document those hours on the Service Hour Report Form that is due to the Religion teacher on the first day of school. A few ideas for earning this money include babysitting, yard work, and pet sitting. Students may also simply donate their birthday or allowance money towards the cause (you can access the form at www.stmcs.net/community-service).

Church Travel Challenge (OPTIONAL): Every different Church you attend take a selfie somewhere that identifies the Church. Create a Google Slide presentation with the pictures. Each picture should have a caption telling where the Church was and something unique about it. **Depending on quality, you can earn 2- 5 pts on a test.**

MATH

Use the 6th grade section of IXL to practice math. Students should work on math at least three times per week throughout the summer. The topics students should focus on include:

- Decimal numbers
- Add and subtract integers
- Add and subtract decimals
- Number theory
- Multiply and divide decimals
- Algebra (specifically, solve 1 step equations involving whole numbers)
- Add and subtract fractions
- Multiply fractions
- Divide fractions
- Measurement (specifically convert and compare customary units and metric units)
- Geometry (specifically perimeter and area)
- Ratios, proportions, and percent
- Coordinate plane
- One variable inequalities

Students should also work on basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) over the summer. There are many apps available for practicing math facts.

ENGLISH

Use the 6th grade section of IXL to practice Language Arts. The topics students should focus on include:

- Commas
- Quotations and dialogue
- Subject and predicate
- Direct and indirect object
- Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Prepositions
- Subject verb agreement
- Pronouns and antecedents
- Subject and object pronouns
- Possessive pronouns
- Helping verbs
- Perfect verb tenses
- Linking verbs
- Modal auxiliaries

SOCIAL STUDIES

Review geography skills using the Sheppard Software website: <http://sheppardsoftware.com/>

Purchase or create a postcard from a place you traveled to or an activity you did this summer. The Postcard must be written in correct post card format. You may do more than 1 postcard.

In at least 5 sentences, write a detailed description of your trip or activity. Include the following information:

1. What did you like the most?
2. What is 1 thing that you learned?
3. What is 1 fun fact about your trip or activity?
4. Would you recommend this trip or activity to one of your friend/family members?

Please address the post card to St. Mark Catholic School. You do not have to mail it. Bring it on the 1st day of school for a 5 points on a test! You can earn more depending on the quality/quantity of postcard! (Max 3).

SCIENCE

Environmental Scavenger Hunt

Find the following 25 items, take a picture of the item and prepare a google slide presentation.

You can earn 2- 5 pts on a test coupon.

- Solar panels
- Recycle symbol
- Recycle sign
- 5 types of birds
- A bee or insect that helps pollinate
- 2 wildlife creatures-that are not birds or insects
- A seedling or new plant
- A tree taller than your house or school
- An item you reuse
- A rock that is not grey or brown
- Something blue in nature
- Buds on a tree or shrub
- A recycle bin
- Something birds use to build a nest
- A natural area of water
- Something yellow in nature
- An item to recycle
- Turn off lights when you leave a room
- Walk or ride a bike instead of taking a car somewhere
- Use a reusable water bottle or cup
- An animal that need water
- New flowers in bloom
- A book about recycling
- A piece of trash to throw away
- A rain barrel or compost bin