

St. Theresa Catholic School
2024 Summer Reading and Math Requirements
Returning Students Entering Grade 4

Summer Reading Requirements

[Diocese of Phoenix Language Arts – Elementary Reading List](#)

Read at least one book from the recommended reading list (above) by the Diocese of Phoenix. Here are some favorites below that other students have enjoyed. Students will take an Accelerated Reader test the first week of school for a grade.

Highlighted Options:

The Lemonade War (The Lemonade War, #1) by Jacqueline Davies

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Who Was Babe Ruth? by Joan Holub

Frindle by Andrew Clements

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by Gardners Books

Summer Math Requirements

At St. Theresa, we believe in the importance of balancing free time and maintaining learning momentum throughout the summer months. To support this, we have selected [either IXL or the Summer Academic Enrichment Program at Brophy](#) to provide returning students with engaging skills practice in Math. Scroll down for details on obtaining credit for each option.

IXL Option:

To meet our summer requirements, students are expected to dedicate:

- 30 minutes per week to practicing recommended Math skills
- We require a total of only 4 hours of practice time (not including diagnostic time).

Grading - A grade will be given representing the percentage of the total time completed according to the requirements.

Update Diagnostics

At the beginning of the summer, students should click on the “Assessment” button, and then click the green button that says, “Step into the Arena.” Click on “Math and Language Arts”. Select “Math” and begin working. Students will work, without help, until the diagnostics are completed. This ensures your student will find recommended lessons that are “just right” for them. Repeat this process at least every two weeks. The IXL teacher report will show how often the student worked on the Diagnostic.

Weekly Practice

Students will begin by clicking on the “Assessment” button at the top of the green banner. They will scroll down to the Math boxes. Each box will have recommended skills by area focus. Students are to select skills to work on from these skills. They may choose from this list only, as credit will not be given on skills practiced below their learning levels. It is recommended they work on the skills with the lowest scores first.

NOTE: If there are no skills recommended, it is time to update their Diagnostic. Once that is done, they will have new recommended skills in these boxes.

Time Keeper

To find out how much time your student has spent on skill building, go to “Analytics” and then click the “Usage” tab. Select “Math” and then the “Date Range” tab. Scroll down and select “Custom” to define the dates to see practice times.

Summer work completed beginning May 25th to the ending date, August 7th will be given credit. Remember, time spent updating “Diagnostics” does not count toward skill building requirements.

Flexibility

We understand that families have busy times when it will be difficult to complete the weekly requirement. That’s no problem, as long as students complete a minimum of 4 hours of practice on IXL between May 25th and August 7, 2024. That should give ample time for updating diagnostics as well.

Helpful guidelines to make the most of their IXL practice:

1. Establish a routine. Consistency is key to maintaining progress.
2. Monitor Progress: You can track your child’s progress on IXL by accessing their account. Take time to review their performance and offer praise and guidance where necessary.
3. Provide a Supportive Environment: Create a quiet and comfortable space for your child to work on IXL. Minimize distractions to improve focus.

Please note that the IXL program can be accessed from any device with an internet connection. However, it is not recommended to use a phone as IXL does not have full capability on phones. If your child encounters any difficulties accessing the platform, please call the office.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education. We are confident that by working together, we can ensure a successful and productive summer for our students

Login Information

Students will need to login using their **school Google account** to login (not another family member's Google account). Once in their school Google account, they will go to www.IXL.com and login.

1. Be sure your child is logged into **THEIR school Google account**
2. Go to www.IXL.com
3. Enter username and password:

Username: _____

Password: _____

Summer Academic Enrichment Option

Students will be excused from the IXL practice if they complete a Math Summer Enrichment Class offered by Brophy College Preparatory. Simply bring proof of the completed class/classes to school on the first day. (Certificate of Completion)

The 2024 program is scheduled for June 3-28, 2024, with registration opening on Friday, March 8, 2024. Please click on the following link to register:

<https://www.brophyprep.org/academics/summer-school/summer-enrichment-program>

Contact Shelly Scheuring at summerschool@brophyprep.org, or call 602-264-5291, ext. 6233, if you have any questions.