Rising FOURTH Grade: Summer Skills 25-26

<u>REQUIRED</u> Summer Skills: Reading and Math



Summer Reading Skills:

Buy a Summer Journal (or use an old notebook) Try reading for at least 30 minutes every day and write a short summary of what you read!

Rising 4th graders: Please choose at least TWO books to read from the list¹ below. For an extra challenge, try reading a book of your own choice!

Title	Author
The 100 Year-Old Secret	Tracy Barrett
The BFG	Roald Dahl
The Boys Start the War	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Brambleheart: A Story of Finding Treasure and the Unexpected Magic of Friendship	Henry Cole
Dragon Rider	Cornelia Funke
Drita, my Homegirl	Jenny Lombard
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Chris Grabenstein
Half a World Away	Cynthia Kadohata
The Homework Machine	Dan Gutman
Honus and Me	Dan Gutman
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate
The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy	Jeanne Birdsall
Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan
Pip Barlett's Guide to Magical Creatures	Jackson Pearce and Maggie Stiefvater
Shiloh	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Sideways Stories from Wayside School	Louis Sachar
Sisterhood of Sleuths	Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
Skinnybones	Barbara Park
The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume
The Thing About Georgia: A Novel	Lisa Graff
Turtle in Paradise	Jennifer L. Holm
The Wild Robot	Peter Brown

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Summer Math Skills:



Focus on practicing your BASIC FACTS every week. Addition and subtraction should be automatic – NOT require finger-counting. Practice adding and subtracting WITH regrouping so that you don't forget it. Know your multiplication facts through the 12's. Track your math practice by using an IXL account.

- Current St. Joseph students should try to complete 15 hours of practice over the summer <u>through their school IXL accounts</u>. (This averages about 15-20 minutes per weekday over the summer.)
 - Students should practice skills from the grade level they have just completed, so 3rd grade.
 - Students should achieve a "Smart Score" of 90 or higher before moving on to the next skill.
- <u>New St Joseph students for the 2025-2026 school year</u> will need to purchase an IXL membership for the summer. (1 subject membership is \$9.95/month)
 - Students should practice skills from the grade level they have just completed and should try to accumulate 15 hours of practice.
 - At the end of the summer, two reports will need to be printed of the completed hours. (See <u>this video</u> for instructions on how to print the reports.)



Summer Science and Social Studies Skills:

SOCIAL STUDIES STUDIES

Ask questions! Pay attention to what's happening around you and try to figure it out! Good scientists ask questions :) They also make mistakes! So, if you don't get it right the first time, do some research and try to find the answer! Ask people who know more than you, too! It always helps to work with a team!



Most Importantly:

Attend Mass with your family when you can. Even when you are on vacation, remember God is with you. Keep strong in your faith by praying and doing your best to help your parents and serve others. Use your Summer Journal to write your thoughts, feelings, and questions about your faith.

Have a great summer! We can't wait to see you in the Fall!