

July 1, 2024



Dear St. Patrick School Parents,

We are already into the 3rd week of our break from school. I hope you are enjoying these lazy days of summer. Perhaps you have already taken a family vacation or your children are attending a fun summer camp. These are all important and wonderful activities, but I also wanted to send a gentle reminder that our children should not take a break from staying current in reading and math over the summer months. Teachers sent home different ways our children can continue to practice the skills they learned this past year. Make sure to try to follow their suggestions.

Also, this year the iReady instruction piece that correlates with the iReady testing component will remain open throughout the summer so that students can go on to their individualized (personal instruction packet) created just for them. While your child must do this on a computer in your home, I want to reassure you that what is being asked of your child is just 30 minutes of math and 30 minutes of reading **each week**! Of course, a student could do more, but 1 hour per week is all that is needed for your child to remain current or even close some learning gaps your child may have in reading and math over the summer. Your child's teacher sent home your child's user name and password. If you are having difficulty finding this information, please email your child's teacher and they will make sure you receive it.

The site is <u>https://login.i-ready.com/</u>



Included in this email is the link for the iReady Summer Tracker Flyer. Please print this out and have your child fill in a beach ball every time he or she completes a lesson! Bring the flyer back to school in August for a prize.

If you are looking for a more "paper and pencil type practice" for your child, we have always recommended the Summer Pops Math Workbooks.

Their site is https://summerpopsworkbooks.com/



Their workbooks come very quickly. Simply choose the grade level your child just completed and place your order. Work on a page per day or have some fun with their puzzles.

Finally, I encourage every family to make a trip to their local public library during these days of summer! Most libraries have amazing projects going on, but if nothing else... check out some books to read together... maybe even under the stars. Reading should be fun and can be adventurous.

Until we gather again in August, I wish you a joyful, exciting, but also a relaxing rest of your summer days.

Many blessings, Mrs. Mary Vitulli