

June 3, 2025



Dear Parents:

Studies over the last 30 years show that a decrease in cognitive skills happens in summer when children are out of school and not actively engaged in thinking and learning. In fact, research conducted by the NWEA on “Summer Slide” actually shows that students lose over 20% of skills and knowledge gained during the prior school year

(<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2024/summer-learning-loss-what-we-know-what-were-learning/> ).

In an effort to continue to combat this slide, St. Ferdinand School is continuing its **MANDATORY SUMMER LEARNING** with **INCOMING 4TH-8TH GRADERS**, as well as **OPTIONAL SUMMER LEARNING** for incoming **4-Year-Old Preschool - incoming 3rd Graders**. The online platform for Summer Learning will be **iXL**. (Note: if there are families that would like to borrow an iPad or Chromebook for the summer, please contact the School Office.)

Attached to this letter or within/on the report card, you will find your child's iXL log-in information, and links to the pages to be completed in the Summer Boosts program for both Math and ELA on on the back of this page. For incoming 4th-8th graders only, paper Math Logs for tracking progression through the required material have also been given to the students. All of this information (besides individual log-ins, of course) will also be posted on our school website for easily-accessible, online reference through the summer.

Lessons/Assignments take about 20-30 minutes each to complete.

**Assignments for Grades 4th-8th will be graded based on thorough completion within the following deadlines:**

**A** = thorough completion of all Summer Boost problems by Sunday, August 17 (the night before school starts!)

**B** = thorough completion of all Summer Boost problems by Sunday, August 24 (after a week into the school year, done as homework and not in class, where other learning will be taking place)

**C or D** = varying completion of Summer Boost problems while staying inside for lunch and recess with Principal Folino from Monday, August 25 - Thursday, August 28

**F** = incomplete Summer Boost problems after Thursday, August 28

**For Grades Pre-School - 3rd, completion by Sunday, August 17 = EXTRA CREDIT will be given by the homeroom teacher in Language Arts and/or Math.**

Thank you for your cooperation with the completion of **iXL's Summer Boost Language Arts and Math Learning** at St. Ferdinand School to keep your children engaged and learning while we're apart!

Sincerely,

Principal Erin Boyle Folino, M.A., [M.Ed.](#)



### IXL SUMMER LEARNING ASSIGNMENTS

GRADE JUST COMPLETED in June 2025	SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS
Preschool	<p>Math- IXL Summer Boost Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-kindergarten">https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-kindergarten</a></p> <p>Language Arts-IXL Summer Boost Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-kindergarten">https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-kindergarten</a></p>
Kindergarten	<p>Math-IXL Summer Boost Program <a href="#">IXL Summer Boost skill plan - Math 1st grade</a></p> <p>Language Arts-IXL Summer Boost Program <a href="#">IXL Summer Boost skill plan - Language arts 1st grade</a></p>
1st	<p>Math-IXL Summer Boost Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-2">https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-2</a></p> <p>Language Arts- IXL Summer Boost Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-2">https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-2</a></p>
2nd	<p>Math-IXL Summer Boost Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-3">https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-3</a></p> <p>Language Arts-IXL Summer Boost Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-3">https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-3</a></p>
3rd	<p>Math-IXL Summer Boost Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-4">https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-4</a></p> <p>Language Arts-IXL Summer Boost Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-4">https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-4</a></p>
4th	<p>ELA-IXL Summer Boost Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-5">https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-5</a></p> <p>Math-IXL Summer Boost: Program  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-5">https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-5</a></p>
5th	<p>Math-IXL Summer Boost Program  (<a href="https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-6">https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-6</a>)</p> <p>ELA-IXL Summer Boost-Smart Score of 80.  <a href="#">IXL Summer Boost skill plan - Language arts 6th grade</a></p>
6th	<p>Math-IXL Summer Boost Program  (<a href="https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-7">https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-7</a>)</p> <p>ELA- IXL-Summer Boost Smart Score of 80  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-7">https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-7</a></p>
7th	<p>Math-IXL Summer Boost Program  (<a href="https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-8">https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-8</a>)</p> <p>Language Arts- IXL Smart Score of 80.  <a href="https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-8">https://www.ixl.com/ela/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-8</a></p>