

Hello Parents!

Welcome to *Second Grade*! I am very excited to have your child in class this year. To ensure your child continues to grow in their reading and math skills, your child is to complete 10 hours of both Lexia and IXL over the summer. Lexia and IXL are highly interactive and engaging educational sites that can be accessed on any piece of technology, such as an iPad, iPhone, laptop, or computer. Lexia helps students in their phonics development which in turn, helps foster growth in their reading, writing, and speech. IXL is a math site that is designed to maintain and extend math skills. Both educational sites are differentiated based on each learner's academic pace.

I ask that you ensure your child completes 10 complete hours of Lexia and 10 complete hours of IXL over this summer break. Of course, if your child would like to extend their hours to more than 10 hours, they may absolutely do that! :) The more practice your child has, the better!!

****Your child will be granted a Dress Down pass for each Lexia Level that they complete throughout the summer. This assignment is designed to help maintain the skills your child has worked so hard to gain in first grade, that way they are ready to go for second grade. I have access to each App, so I am able to check on your child's progress and the hours completed throughout the summer. Login information for Lexia is the same as what it was for your child in first grade. IXL login information is enclosed.**

Have fun with this and thank you in advance! I am looking forward to working with your child in second grade!

All my best,
Miss Davis
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Helping your child to



When helping your child read at home, several strategies may be used to assist in working out unknown words.

1. Tell your child to look at the picture.
2. Tell your child to look for chunks in the word, such as *it* in *sit*, *all* in *small* or *and* and *ing* in *standing*.
3. Ask your child to get their mouth ready to say the word by shaping their mouth for the beginning letter.
4. Ask you child if the word looks like a word they already know. Does *could* look like *should*?
5. Ask your child to go on and read to the end of the sentence. Often by reading the other words in context, they will be able to figure out the unknown word.
6. If your child says the wrong word while reading, ask questions like:

Does it make sense?

Does it sound right?

Does it look right?



Saint Martha School IXL Summer Math

www.ixl.com/signin/stmartha

All students entering grades second thru eight are expected to complete online math work designed to maintain and extend foundational math skills over the summer break. Through use of the website IXL (www.ixl.com/signin/stmartha), students have access to a comprehensive math practice site with an unlimited number of math practice questions in hundreds of skills. In addition to making math practice exciting, IXL is designed to help your child learn at his or her own pace. The website is adaptive and will adjust to your child's demonstrated ability level. The site also saves all of your child's results and time spent, so that student progress can be monitored. Students will be able to access this program during the summer as well as throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

When your child logs into IXL, he/she should click on the tab for the GRADE LEVEL that they just completed. For example, if your child will be in 3rd grade this fall, he/she should work on grade level 2 this summer. Only exceptions: students taking prealgebra in grade 7 should work on grade 8; students taking Algebra 1 should work on Algebra 1. Students should work on a variety of exercises. I recommend cycling thru one exercise per topic.

You may email me at dscanlon@stmarthact.eduk12.net after June 19, 2017 with any questions. The school office will also have a list of usernames and passwords.

User Id: First letter of first name + Last name (note just a few students have the digit "1" added to their name)

Password: School ID number (6 digits) ***Can be found on report card!**

Expectations: During the summer students should spend 20 minutes a day reviewing math skills on IXL. Students entering grades five thru 8 are expected to spend a minimum of **10** hours on IXL this summer. Students entering grades two thru four are expected to spend **8** hours on IXL this summer. Make sure your child is logged into our IXL site by recognizing our red emblem to ensure that he/she will get credit for the time he/she spends on IXL. Thank you parents for your support!