

Dear Parents,

St. Martha School requires students to read 2 books, (at least 😊), during the summer. I would like the students to read a Magic Tree House book and its non-fiction companion book from the list below. For example, if your child reads Afternoon in the Amazon, he/she will also read the Magic Tree House Fact Tracker book titled Rain Forests. The author of these books is Mary Pope Osborn. In addition to reading the 2 books, the attached book report forms need to be completed and returned on the first day of school. Some examples of books and their companions are:

Magic Tree House Book

Magic Tree House Fact Tracker Book

Midnight on the Moon-#8

Space

Sunset on the Sabertooth-#7

Sabertooths and the Ice Age

Tonight on the Titanic-#17

Titanic

Revolutionary War on Wednesday-#22

American Revolution

Afternoon on the Amazon-#6

Rain Forests

Your child may choose a book that is not on this list as long as there is a companion book that goes with it.

Math practice is also very important during the summer. This year students will be using IXL and are required to complete 10 hours of math over the course of the summer on this site. Instructions and passwords will be sent home soon. \*\*\*It is also very beneficial to practice the multiplication time's tables with your child this summer. \*\*\*

Have a great summer!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Non-fiction Book Report

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic:

Who or what the book is about.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name 5-6 things you learned about the topic.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Book Report**  
*Fantasy*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Plot (Short summary of what happens in the story.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Main Characters:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Give some examples of events from your book that could not really happen.

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# Saint Martha School IXL Summer Math

[www.ixl.com/signin/stmartha](http://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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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!