

Dear St. Hedwig Families,

As the school year draws to a close, we are excited to share an important update regarding our summer math and reading practice. After careful consideration, St. Hedwig has decided to replace the traditional summer math packets with a more engaging and personalized digital learning experience using IXL Math for incoming Grades 2-8. Additionally, we are adding a Summer AR Goal to the Summer Reading requirement for incoming Grades 3-8.

## **Summer Math Practice**

### **IXL Math Summer Boost Skill Plan - REQUIRED**

- **Skills Goal:** There are 20 skills. Students can work at their own pace to complete at least 15 of the 20 skills by August 14, 2026. Based on completion, a grade will be inputted in FACTS on **Aug 17, 2026**.
- **Proficiency Goal:** For every skill your child practices, they must achieve a SmartScore of at least 70, which indicates proficiency. A SmartScore of 100 signifies mastery of the skill.

### **How Students Will Access IXL:**

#### **1. Accessing IXL:**

- Grades 3-8 can access their Summer Boost Skill plan via the link in their Math Google Classroom (remind your student they must be logged into their school Google account to access Classroom)
- Grades 1 and 2 will click on this link  
<https://www.ixl.com/math/skill-plans/ixl-summer-boost-grade-2> (or type into your browser)
- use their existing school IXL login credentials (teachers have sent home with your students).

#### **2. How to Locate the IXL Math Summer Boost Skill Plan:**

- Once logged into IXL go to *Learning*
  - *Skill Plans*
  - Find and click open the icon for *IXL Summer Boost Math*
  - Choose the grade level you will be entering in the Fall
  - Click on a skill and begin

### **How You Can Support and Monitor IXL Progress:**

- **Parent Login:** Log in to your child's IXL account using their credentials.
- **In the Summer Boost Math Skill Plan** Click on the "view report" tab. Here, you can view reports on their time spent, number of questions answered, and SmartScores for each skill. This will give you a clear picture of their engagement and learning.
- **Encouragement:** Encourage your child to practice regularly and celebrate their achievements as they earn awards and increase their SmartScores!

## **Summer Reading**

### **Grade Level Summer Reading Book - REQUIRED**

Each grade level has an assigned summer reading book that must be read before returning to school on August 20. These books are listed below. Each grade level will have a graded writing piece they will work on during the first few weeks of school which is based on the summer reading book. Please ensure your students complete their assigned book before returning to school in August.

### **Incoming First and Second Graders will read the assigned book plus one free choice book**

- First Grade: *The Elephant's New Shoe* by Laurel Neme plus one free choice book to be read together with a parent
- Second Grade: *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry plus one free choice book to be read together with a parent

### **Incoming Grades 3 and 4 will read the assigned book plus work towards a 6 week AR goal**

- Third Grade: *Rich* by Nikki Grimes
- Fourth Grade: *Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami

### **AR Summer Reading Goal - Incoming Grades 3-8 - RECOMMENDED**

1. Students will have an AR Goal for the summer set by their current teacher.
2. Students will have 6 weeks, from June 16 - July 15 to work toward their reading goal.
3. Students will take their AR tests at home in the same manner they did during the school year.

### **How Students Will Access AR:**

#### **Accessing AR:**

- Log into AR using this link [AR Summer Reading](#)
- Students will use their existing school AR login credentials (Teachers have sent these home with students)

#### **\*\*Recognition:**

Students in each grade who complete the IXL Math Summer Boost Skill Plan and/or reach their AR goals will be entered into a special drawing at the start of school for some fun prizes!

Thank you for your continued partnership in fostering a love for learning and ensuring your child's success. We are confident that this new IXL Math Summer Boost and the addition of AR to the summer Math and Reading programs will be a positive and impactful experience for all our students!