

Dear St. Hedwig Families,

We hope you are looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

To help students maintain and strengthen their math skills during the break, St. Hedwig will once again use IXL Math in place of a traditional summer worksheet packet. After the success of last year's implementation, we are excited to continue using this personalized and engaging learning platform. Additionally, there will be a Summer reading book, related comprehension questions, and an AR Goal requirement for incoming Grades 5-8.

Summer Math Practice

IXL Math Summer Boost Skill Plan - *REQUIRED* for all students entering Grades 5-8 and enrolled at St. Hedwig during the 2026-2027 school year

- **Skills Goal:** There are 20 skills. Students can work at their own pace to complete all 20 skills by August 17, 2026
- **Proficiency Goal:** For every skill your child practices, we encourage them to aim for a SmartScore of at least 80, 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 child they must be logged into their school Google account to access Classroom)
- 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, hover over the **Learning** tab
 - Click **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
 - You may also follow this link: [Summer Boost Skills](#) (click dropdown menu to choose grade your child is entering)

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 for all students entering Grades 5-8*

Grades 5-8 have an assigned summer reading book and accompanying comprehension questions (6th-8th only) that must be completed before returning to school on August 19. These books and links to the questions are listed below. The comprehension questions will be distributed to current students before the end of this school year. Students can also access a copy of the questions over the summer in their 2025-2026 school year Literature class on Google Classroom. Please ensure your students complete their assigned book and comprehension questions before returning to school in August.

Students will also have a quiz and a graded writing piece they will work on during the first few weeks of school which is based on the summer reading book.

Incoming Grades 5-8 will read the assigned book plus work towards a 6 week AR goal

- Fifth Grade: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
- Sixth Grade: *Finding Chika* by Mitch Albom and [comprehension questions](#)
- Seventh Grade: *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah and [comprehension questions](#)
- Eighth Grade: *With Every Drop of Blood* by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier and [comprehension questions](#)

AR Summer Reading Goal - Incoming Grades 5-8 - *RECOMMENDED for all students entering Grades 5-8 and enrolled at St. Hedwig during the 2026-2027 school year*

1. Students will have an AR Goal for the summer set by their current teacher.
2. Students will have 5 weeks, from June 15 - July 17 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 their AR goals will be entered into a special drawing at the start of school for some fun prizes!

Spanish

Summer Spanish Vocabulary Practice - REQUIRED

Students entering Spanish in grades 5-8 next year should spend time over the summer learning the 30 most common Spanish verbs. They will be assessed on this vocabulary during the first weeks of school.

Vocabulary list and study materials can be found on the [Summer Spanish Google Classroom](#).

All students should add themselves to the classroom by 6/30/26. Code: k623nxaq ¡Gracias!

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!

Sincerely,

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