

## **St. Theresa Catholic School**

### **2023 Summer Requirements - Students Entering Gr. 5**

At St. Theresa, we believe in the importance of balancing free time and maintaining learning momentum throughout the summer months. To support this, we have selected IXL to provide returning students with engaging skills practice in math, reading and language arts (ELA).

To meet our summer requirements, students are expected to dedicate:

- 30 minutes per week to practicing recommended math skills
- 30 minutes to recommended ELA skills
- We require a total of only 8 hours of practice time in total, (not including diagnostic time).

**Grade** - A grade will be given representing the percentage of the total time completed according to the requirements. For example:

- 8 hours of recommended practice skills = 100% A
- 7 Hours of recommended practice skills = 88% B
- 6 Hours of recommended practice skills = 75% C
- 5 Hours of recommended practice skills = 63% D
- 4 Hours of recommended practice skills = 50% F

#### **Login Information**

Students may not be able to login using their school google account to login. Teachers will provide their IXL usernames and passwords. Save the login information for ease of use.

#### **Update Diagnostics**

At the beginning of the summer, students should click on the “Assessment” button, and then click the green button that says, “Step into the Arena.” It should say, “Math and Language Arts.” at the upper, right corner of the blue banner. If not, then hover over the words to reveal the correct setting. Students will work, without help, until the diagnostics are completed. This ensures your student will find recommended lessons that are “just right” for them. Repeat this process every two weeks.

#### **Weekly Practice**

Students will begin by clicking on the “Learning” button at the top of the green banner. They will find recommended, personalized lessons marked with a tiny green book for ELA, and a blue pyramid for Math. They may choose from this list only, as credit will not be given on skills practiced below their learning levels.

#### **Time Keeper**

To find out how much time your student has spent on skill building, go to “Analytics” and then click the “Usage” tab. Note the “Date Range” tab to see practice times. Summer work completed beginning May 27th to the ending date, August 9th will be given credit. Remember, time spent updating “Diagnostics” does not count toward skill building requirements.

#### **Summer Camp Class Option**

Alternatively, students will be excused from the IXL practice if they complete both a reading/ELA and math summer camp class such as those offered by Brophy High School. Simply bring proof of the completed class/classes to school on the first day. If only one class is completed, students are expected to fulfill the 4 hour IXL requirement for the other class only.

### **Flexibility**

We understand that families have busy times when it will be difficult to complete the weekly requirement. That's no problem, as long as students complete a minimum of 8 hours of practice on IXL by August 9, 2023. That should give ample time for updating diagnostics as well.

### **Helpful guidelines to make the most of their IXL practice:**

1. Establish a routine. Consistency is key to maintaining progress.
2. Monitor Progress: You can track your child's progress on IXL by accessing their account. Take time to review their performance and offer praise and guidance where necessary.
3. Provide a Supportive Environment: Create a quiet and comfortable space for your child to work on IXL. Minimize distractions to improve focus.

Please note that the ILX program can be accessed from any device with an internet connection. If your child encounters any difficulties accessing the platform, please call the office.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education. We are confident that by working together, we can ensure a successful and productive summer for our students

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To get your child started on your home computer, please follow these easy steps:

1. Go to <https://www.ixl.com/signin/sainttheresacs>
2. Enter your child's username and password and click "Sign in."

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Password\_\_\_\_\_