



Grace Episcopal Day School Summer Skills Practice

Each year, we provide academic suggestions to help our students retain skills that were learned, prepare for the upcoming school year, and stay sharp! Summer Skills Practice (SSP) is highly encouraged in order to prevent the "summer slide." Please encourage your child to explore the suggestions below throughout the summer.

Rising Kindergarten

Reading: The goal for summer is for students to be read to for at least 20 minutes a day. Please review letter sounds and letter recognition. Our focus in Kindergarten will be to work our way to independent reading.

Math: Students should be able to recognize and write numbers 0–10.

Workbook: We recommend the Summer Bridge Activities Workbook Preschool to Kindergarten.

Apps: Download from App Store for iPad and iPhone, Google Play for Android or Chrome OS devices, or Amazon Appstore for Android and Fire tablets

Duck Duck Moose Math

Duck Duck Moose Reading

Rising 1st Grade

Reading: Students should read 20 minutes a day. It is important to practice reading a variety of genres (fiction and nonfiction). Favorite authors/series for read-alouds with parents or independently are: Dr. Seuss, Kevin Henkes, Mo Willems, Jan Brett, Janelle Canon, Leo Lionni, Ezra Jack Keates and Mary Pope Osborne. Bob Books are encouraged for emergent readers.

Math: Practice counting, reading, and writing numbers to 100.

Workbook: We recommend the Summer Bridge Activities (Grades K-1), available on Amazon.

Apps: Apps download from App Store for iPad and iPhone. Google Play for Android or Chrome OS devices, or Amazon Appstore for Android and Fire tablets.

Duck Duck Moose Math

Duck Duck Moose Reading

Scratch Jr. – coding app

Kids A-Z – reading app (or website <https://www.kidsa-z.com>); use school login; available until July 15th

Rising 2nd Grade

Reading: Students should read 20 minutes a day. It is important to practice reading a variety of genres (fiction and nonfiction). Favorite authors/series are: Books by Gail Gibbons, National Geographic Kids, Fly Guy Presents, Henry and Mudge, Frog and Toad, Magic Treehouse, Amelia Bedelia, and Mercy Watson.

Math: Practice adding and subtracting within 20. Students should be able to add and subtract within 10 automatically.

Workbook: We recommend the Summer Bridge Activities (Grades 1-2) workbook - Available on Amazon

Apps: download from App Store for iPad and iPhone, Google Play for Android or Chrome OS devices, or Amazon Appstore for Android and Fire tablets

Scratch Jr. - coding app

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Dance Mat Typing - website for typing practice

Rising 3rd Grade

Reading: Please read two of the following: The Dragon in the Library by Louie Stowell, Og the Frog by Betty G. Birney, or Wedgie and Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors

Students who read and log 1500 pages will be recognized the first week of school.

Math: Students should practice fluency with addition and subtraction facts to 20 and multiplication facts to 5.

Workbooks: We recommend the Summer Bridge Activities (Grades 2-3) workbook-Available on Amazon

Website: Dance Mat Typing

Rising 4th Grade

Reading: Please read two of the following: *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume, or *Frindle* by Andrew Clements, or *Who Was Walt Disney?* by Whitney Stewart

Students who read and log 1500 pages will be recognized the first week of school.

Math: Students should practice fluency with addition and subtraction facts to 20 and multiplication and division facts to 10. A quiz will be given on multiplication facts the first week of school.

Workbook: Spectrum Math Review Workbook–Review of 3rd grade math skills

Website: Dance Mat Typing

Rising 5th Grade

Reading: Please read two of the following: *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell, *The BFG* by Roald Dahl, *Iron Thunder* by Avi, or *Maniac McGee* by Jerry Spinelli.

Students who read and log 2500 pages will be recognized the first week of school.

Math: Students should practice math skills and review concepts in their math workbook. ALL 5th and 6th graders MUST have memorized and can quickly recall multiplication facts 0-12.

Workbook: Spectrum Math Review Workbook–Review of 4th grade math skills

ELA: In a blank composition journal, section off the first six pages to reflect on your chosen novels. For each book, you will write a short summary and draw two illustrations from any scene you found interesting in the book. In that same journal after the first six pages, keep a journal of your summer activities. Write at least one journal entry a week in which you reflect on the things you've done/accomplished that week during the summer.

Students who complete the additional summer workbook will receive extra credit at the start of the year towards their grade in ELA.

Website: Touch Typing Practice – scroll down and then enter first name only (do not enter last name) and school email username and password to create an account.

Rising 6th Grade

Reading: Use the personalized iXL arena to review ELA concepts. We recommend a minimum of 30 minutes of ELA review every week. In addition, choose two of the following books to read: *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, *Percy Jackson and the Olympians Book 1: The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan, *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming, or *The Chronicles of Narnia Book 1: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Students who read and log 2500 pages will be recognized the first week of school.

Math: Students should practice math skills and review concepts in their personalized IXL arena. We recommend a minimum of 30 minutes of math review every week of the summer. ALL 5th and 6th graders MUST have memorized and can quickly recall multiplication facts 0-12.

Workbook: Math Workbook–Review of 5th grade math skills

ELA: In a blank composition journal, section off the first six pages to reflect on your chosen novels. For each book, you will write a short summary and draw two illustrations from any scene you found interesting in the book. In that same journal after the first six pages, keep a journal of your summer activities. Write at least one journal entry a week in which you reflect on the things you've done/accomplished that week during the summer.

Students who complete the additional summer workbook will receive extra credit at the start of the year towards their grade in ELA.

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Rising 7th Grade

Reading: Please read two of the following: *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt, *The Man Who was Poe* by Avi, *Wonder* by Barbara Schultz, or *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson

Students who read and log 3000 pages will be recognized the first week of school.

Math: Students should practice math skills and review concepts in their personalized IXL arena. We recommend a minimum of 30 minutes of math review every week of the summer. Students can also use Basic Math Review for the Middle Grades. They should also complete a Summer BINGO board.

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Rising 8th Grade

Reading: Please read two of the following: *The Misfits* by James Howe, *Uglies* by Scott Westerfield, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *Black Duck* by Taylor Lisle. Students who read and log 3000 pages will be recognized the first week of school. Students should practice reading skills and review concepts in their personalized IXL arena for a recommended 30 minutes a week.

Math: Students should practice math skills and review concepts in their personalized IXL arena. We recommend a minimum of 30 minutes of math review every week of the summer. Students can also use Basic Math Review for the Middle Grades. They should also complete a Summer BINGO board.

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