



Holy Family Catholic School

Summer Learning Guide - Preparing for the 2026–2027 School Year - Rising First Grade

To prepare for first grade, let's ensure your child can...

Reading

- Recognize all uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Identify the sound each letter makes.
- Read simple consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) words (cat, pig, sun).
- Read common kindergarten sight words automatically.
- Retell a story using the beginning, middle, and end.
- Answer simple questions about a story that was read.

Writing

- Write first and last name correctly.
- Write complete sentences using capital letters and ending punctuation.
- Leave spaces between words.
- Draw and write about personal experiences.
- Spell kindergarten sight words correctly.

Mathematics

- Count forward and backward to 100.
- Read and write numbers to 100.
- Add and subtract within 20.
- Compare numbers using greater than, less than, and equal to.
- Identify common two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes.
- Solve simple real-world word problems.

Independence Skills

- Follow two- and three-step directions.
- Read or look at books independently for at least 20 minutes.
- Organize and care for personal belongings.
- Complete simple tasks independently.
- Show kindness, responsibility, and respect toward other

Recommended Resources

- IXL Learning
- Khan Academy Kids
- Starfall
- ABCya
- Epic!
- Miami-Dade Public Library

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To prepare for second grade, let's ensure your child can...

Reading

- Read grade-level text with accuracy and fluency.
- Decode words with blends, digraphs, and vowel teams.
- Identify the main idea and key details.
- Retell stories in sequence.
- Ask and answer questions about a text.
- Use context clues to determine word meaning.

Writing

- Write complete sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation.
- Write a well-organized paragraph.
- Use descriptive words in writing.
- Spell common high-frequency words correctly.
- Revise writing with teacher or parent support.

Mathematics

- Add and subtract within 100.
- Understand place value to 1,000.
- Tell time to the nearest five minutes.
- Count and identify coins and bills.
- Solve one- and two-step word problems.
- Measure length using standard units.

Independence Skills

- Read independently for at least 20 minutes daily.
- Complete assignments carefully.
- Organize school materials.
- Follow classroom routines independently.
- Demonstrate responsibility and kindness.

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To prepare for third grade, let's ensure your child can...

Reading

- Read fluently with expression.
- Identify the main idea and supporting details.
- Compare characters, settings, and events.
- Use text evidence to answer questions.
- Read informational and literary texts independently.

Writing

- Write organized paragraphs.
- Write opinion and narrative pieces.
- Use correct grammar and punctuation.
- Edit writing for spelling and capitalization.

Mathematics

- Know multiplication facts through 10.
- Understand division as related to multiplication.
- Identify and compare fractions.
- Solve two-step word problems.
- Find area and perimeter.

Independence Skills

- Complete work independently.
- Stay organized.
- Read daily.
- Ask questions when needed.
- Demonstrate perseverance.

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Summer Learning Guide - Preparing for the 2026–2027 School Year - Rising Fourth Grade

To prepare for fourth grade, let's ensure your child can...

Reading

- Determine theme.
- Make inferences using text evidence.
- Summarize informational texts.
- Compare multiple texts.
- Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Writing

- Write multi-paragraph responses.
- Support ideas with details.
- Use transition words.
- Revise and edit independently.

Mathematics

- Multiply multi-digit numbers.
- Divide using standard algorithms.
- Add and subtract fractions.
- Understand decimals.
- Solve multi-step problems.

Independence Skills

- Manage assignments independently.
- Read at least 25 minutes daily.
- Stay organized.
- Work collaboratively with others.
- Show responsibility.

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Summer Learning Guide - Preparing for the 2026–2027 School Year - Rising Fifth Grade

To prepare for fifth grade, let's ensure your child can...

Reading

- Cite evidence from a text.
- Determine theme and author's purpose.
- Compare informational texts.
- Summarize complex texts.
- Use academic vocabulary.

Writing

- Write informative, opinion, and narrative essays.
- Organize writing logically.
- Edit grammar and punctuation.
- Support ideas with evidence.

Mathematics

- Multiply and divide decimals.
- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions.
- Graph points on a coordinate plane.
- Find volume.
- Solve multi-step word problems.

Independence Skills

- Use time wisely.
- Complete assignments independently.
- Read daily.
- Stay organized.
- Demonstrate leadership.

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Summer Learning Guide - Preparing for the 2026–2027 School Year - Rising Sixth Grade

To prepare for sixth grade, let's ensure your child can...

Reading

- Cite textual evidence.
- Determine central idea.
- Analyze theme.
- Compare points of view.
- Determine the meaning of academic vocabulary.

Writing

- Write organized multi-paragraph essays.
- Support claims with evidence.
- Use correct grammar and conventions.
- Revise and edit independently.

Mathematics

- Compute fluently with fractions and decimals.
- Understand ratios and rates.
- Write and evaluate expressions.
- Solve one-step equations.
- Solve real-world problems.

Independence Skills

- Use a planner or calendar.
- Complete homework independently.
- Read daily.
- Manage time effectively.
- Advocate appropriately for help.

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Summer Learning Guide - Preparing for the 2026–2027 School Year - Rising Seventh Grade

To prepare for seventh grade, let's ensure your child can...

Reading

- Analyze theme and author's purpose.
- Cite strong textual evidence.
- Compare multiple texts.
- Analyze vocabulary in context.
- Evaluate arguments.

Writing

- Write argumentative and informative essays.
- Support ideas with evidence.
- Use transitions effectively.
- Edit grammar and mechanics.

Mathematics

- Solve multi-step equations.
- Work with proportional relationships.
- Compute with integers and rational numbers.
- Solve percent problems.
- Apply geometry concepts.

Independence Skills

- Manage assignments responsibly.
- Read independently.
- Participate respectfully in discussions.
- Demonstrate perseverance.
- Stay organized.
- Demonstrate responsibility and kindness.

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Summer Learning Guide - Preparing for the 2026–2027 School Year - Rising Eighth Grade

To prepare for eighth grade, let's ensure your child can...

Reading

- Analyze complex literary and informational texts.
- Evaluate arguments and claims.
- Cite textual evidence effectively.
- Analyze theme and central idea.
- Interpret figurative language.

Writing

- Write well-developed argumentative essays.
- Conduct research using reliable sources.
- Revise for clarity and organization.
- Demonstrate strong grammar and conventions.

Mathematics

- Solve linear equations.
- Understand functions.
- Apply the Pythagorean Theorem.
- Solve real-world algebraic problems.
- Interpret graphs and data.

Independence Skills

- Manage long-term assignments.
- Read independently for at least 30 minutes daily.
- Demonstrate leadership and responsibility.
- Advocate for learning needs.
- Develop strong study habits for high school.

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