June 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In order to ensure that our students retain skills and knowledge learned this year and to be better prepared to start the next school year, we will continue with IXL, the online Math and Language Arts learning program, which can be accessed by going to www.ixl.com. Students in rising grades 1 - 8 are recommended to complete a minimum of one hour a week. Rising Kindergarteners are expected to complete a minimum of 30 minutes a week. It is the parent’s responsibility to determine the skills and grade level that best meets your child’s needs.

Your child should already have his/her assigned username and password; however, if he/she does not remember it, please email me and I will provide you with one.

The summer homework can be accessed through the Summer Packet link online at www.nativityschool.org. Please email Mrs. Murphy at smurph@nativityschool.org if you have problems accessing the Summer Homework.

In addition to the online homework, each grade level has a reading assignment that you can find below. When school resumes in the fall, the teachers will begin with lessons based on the assignments.

A recommended alternative to IXL is one of the following paper resources, which you can order directly:


I wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Kelly
Nativity Catholic School
2019 Summer Reading Assignments
K-5

Please read the book assigned for your grade level and two additional books of your choice. Come prepared to share your insights with your teacher and classmates.

Rising Kindergarten *Kindergarten, Here I Come* by D.J. Steinberg

Rising First Grade *Biscuit Goes to School* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Rising Second Grade *Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne

Rising Third Grade *My Father’s Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Rising Fourth Grade *Stranded at Plymouth Plantation 1626* by Gary Bowen.

Rising Fifth Grade  *Time Cat* by Lloyd Alexander  
*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio - optional

Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th) Reading Assignment is below
6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2019

Over the summer, all rising 6th grade students will read TWO books of their own choice. One MUST be a fiction or historical fiction book; the second MUST be a non-fiction book. The students who are planning to participate in the Battle of the Books may use any of their required reading for this summer assignment.

The following responses to your reading must be completed ~

Fiction or Historical Fiction Book
- Could you think of another ending for your novel? Write about it.
- Could the story take place in another setting? Consider time as well as place. Explain your answer.
- What is the theme (message) in the story? Is this theme something you have read in other books?

Non-Fiction Book
- What was the most interesting thing you learned about?
- Do you think the book did a good job of teaching you about the topic? Why or why not?
- If the book was about a person, what questions would you ask him or her?

IMPORTANT!! Your submissions MUST be formatted using the following guidelines ~
- keep your writing to ONE page for EACH book
- double-space your lines
- use a 12-point, Times New Roman or similar font
- tell me the name of your novel and the author
- make sure YOUR NAME is clearly indicated on each paper

Your writing should be revised and edited~
- Check spelling
- Check punctuation
- Check capitalization
- Check grammar

Only the final draft needs to be turned in.

If you have any questions about any of these reports, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Burneo over the summer by writing to jburneo@nativityschool.org

Have a wonderful summer!
Rising 7th and 8th Summer Reading Homework

For each grade, I’m giving you a choice of two books. One with a male lead character and one with a female lead character. Please feel free to read either. I will give a test for the books the Tuesday after Labor Day. I recommend if you read the book early in the summer and then you reread it before the test. If you do read it twice, you are more likely to earn an A. 😊

Rising 7th grade
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
The Boys’ War: Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk About the Civil War by Jim Murphy

Rising 8th
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Read the book and be prepared to take a quiz on the book the Tuesday after Labor Day.