

Summer Academic Requirements 2026 For Students entering 2nd Grade

We are excited to welcome your child to St. Helen Catholic School for the 2026-2027 school year. All incoming 2nd Grade students are required to complete the following assignments. This will help your child retain their 1st Grade skills and ensure they are prepared for a successful start to 2nd Grade.

Summer Bridge Activities Workbook: Students must complete at least **40 pages** (your choice of pages) of this workbook prior to the first day of school on August 10th. Neatness and accuracy count. Please check your child's work. Additional completed pages are a bonus. The book should be brought to school on the first day back from summer break. Once your child has received credit for doing the work, the book will be returned to him/her. This workbook can be purchased on Amazon using this link. [Summer Bridge Workbook](#)

AND

Required Summer Reading:

Students can read these books independently or with parental support.

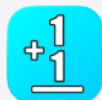
- (1) "Teresa of Avila-Saint for the Eucharist" by Barbara Yoffie from the Saints and Me Series. This book can be purchased on Amazon using this link. [St. Teresa Book](#). Students should be prepared to participate in classroom activities related to the book during the first week of school.
- (2) Students select a **Fiction AR Book** on their Accelerated Reader (AR) reading level range (*Zone of Proximal Development* found on the STAR report sent home). The student must complete the book activity listed below, which is due the first day of school. In addition, the student will take an AR test on the book when returning to school. To determine whether a book is an AR book and to find its AR level, please search for it here: [AR BookFinder](#)

Book Activity: Shoe Box Diorama

Create a scene from the book inside a shoebox using drawings, cutouts, or small objects. Include:

- Title and author
- Main characters
- A short written summary of the scene

Highly Encouraged: Daily practice of basic addition and subtraction facts using flash cards or apps such as *FlashToPass*.



FlashToPass - Math
Flash Cards
Learn & Practice Quiz for Kids

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Sight Word List Practice:

Students should practice sight words from the High Frequency List of Dolch Sight Words.

1st Grade Sight Words

of	his	had	him	her	some	as
then	could	when	were	them	ask	an
over	just	from	any	how	know	put
take	every	old	by	after	think	let
going	walk	again	may	stop	fly	round
give	once	has	live	open	thank	

2nd Grade Sight Words

would	very	your	its	around	don't	right
green	their	call	sleep	five	wash	or
before	been	off	cold	tell	work	first
does	goes	write	always	made	gave	us
buy	those	use	fast	pull	both	sit
which	read	why	found	because	best	upon
these	sing	wish	many			

3rd Grade Sight Words

if	long	about	got	six	never	seven
eight	today	myself	much	keep	try	start
ten	bring	drink	only	better	hold	warm
full	done	light	pick	hurt	cut	kind
fall	carry	small	own	show	hot	far
draw	clean	grow	together	shall	laugh	

