

# Summer Academic Requirements 2026

## For Students Entering 3rd Grade

We are excited to welcome your child to St. Helen Catholic School for the 2026-2027 school year. All incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students are required to complete the following assignments. This will help your child retain their 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade skills and ensure they are prepared for a successful start to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 should read these books independently or with parental support as needed.

- (1) “*Anthony of Padua- Wonder Worker*” by Barbara Yoffie from the Saints and Me Series. This book can be purchased on Amazon using this link. [St Anthony 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: Half-Poster Book Report**

Create a colorful half-poster that includes:

- Title and author
- Setting
- Main characters
- Plot summary
- Favorite scene illustration
- Personal opinion about the book

Students should use complete sentences and detailed illustrations.

**Highly Encouraged:** Daily practice of basic addition and subtraction facts using flash cards or apps such as *FlashToPass*. Try out multiplication for a challenge!



FlashToPass - Math  
Flash Cards  
Learn & Practice Quiz for Kids

**Sight Word List Practice:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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			

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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	

