

# Summer Academic Requirements 2026

## For Students entering 5th Grade

We are excited to welcome your child to St. Helen Catholic School for the 2026-2027 school year. All incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students are required to complete the following assignments. This will help your child retain their 4<sup>th</sup> Grade skills and ensure they are prepared for a successful start to 5<sup>th</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 will independently read the following required books.

- (1) “*St. John Baptist de la Salle – Caring Teacher and Mentor*” by Barbara Joffie from the Saints and Me Series. This book can be purchased on Amazon with this link. [St. John Baptist de la Salle 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: Comic Strip Summary**

Create a comic strip showing 6–8 important events from the book with dialogue and captions. Include a written paragraph explaining the theme or lesson learned.

**Highly Encouraged:** Daily practice of multiplication and division facts using flash cards or apps such as *FlashToPass*.



FlashToPass - Math  
Flash Cards  
Learn & Practice Quiz for Kids

