

# 2019 Summer Reading & Math Requirement

Dear Parents,

The Cathedral School of St. Matthew requires a summer Reading and Math component. Fluent reading and comprehension are essential ingredients for academic success. The purpose of the reading program is to foster enjoyment of reading through choice and exposure to many literary genres. The program allows students to practice skills and build valuable background knowledge. The new Math requirement will be expected in our Freckle computer program. If a family does not have access to the technology for the Freckle program, they must inform Sister Gianna Marie before the end of June so an equivalent alternative can be given to the child.

Every student going into grades 1-6 must do the following:

- A. Freckle Program on the computer in ELA (Reading)
  - 1. Grades 1-2 should complete a total of 300 minutes (30 min. a week)
  - 2. Grades 3-6 should complete a total of 400 minutes (40 min. a week)
- B. Freckle Program on the computer in Math
  - 1. Grades 1-2 should complete a total of 300 minutes (30 min. a week)
  - 2. Grades 3-6 should complete a total of 400 minutes (40 min. a week)
- C. Select **at least one** of these options to complete:
  - 1. Summer Reading Challenge – Libraries Rock; [sjcpl.org/summer-reading](http://sjcpl.org/summer-reading)  
Be sure to get the participation documentation from the library.
  - 2. Summer Reading Challenges included with this letter (other options found are ok):
    - a. Can you read 100 books this summer – complete at least 30 of the boxes
    - b. Reading Challenge – Color as you go
    - c. Summer Reading Challenge – complete 25 of 30 boxes
  - 3. Reading Log of all of your books read over the summer

Students are **REQUIRED** to complete each of the three boxes. We will not accept zeroes on the summer requirements. Students who do not complete the above summer requirements will be required to complete the requirement as additional homework before any school privileges begin. Examples of privileges in school include areas such as field trips, parties, recess, events, extra-curricular sports, extra-curricular clubs, extra-curricular activities, etc. If a student continues to not complete the requirement, then the possibility of dismissal from St. Matthew Cathedral School will be discussed. The “summer slip” is a true obstacle of academic success for children, but it is completely preventable. Parental support for the program will serve to build a strong parent/school partnership in providing an important tool for lifelong learning. This parental support will show your child that school is important and will give the family time to bond without the regular noise of electronics and other distractions. This is a summer challenge to us all.

Top students from each grade who show evidence of far exceeding these minimum requirements will enjoy a *Summer Achievement Day*, which will include a dress down day, a pizza lunch, and an extended recess. We will use for consideration each child’s progress in Freckle Reading and Freckle Math as well as the completion of the Reading Challenges, and any additional documentation evidencing engagement in any core academic subject (Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Religion). Students should keep documentation of all summer activity that fits into any of the core academic subjects listed. A *Summer Achievement Log* documentation form is on the back of this letter or your child can keep it logged in a journal or other preferred document. Logs must be filled out by the student and verified by a parent. In order to be considered for the *Summer Achievement Day*, all logs are due to the their teacher the first week of school, August 21-23.

Thank you for the support and enjoy your summer,

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