



Summer Learning Activities 2024

8th Grade

The packet attached contains the details for the Summer Learning Activities. It will be due August 23rd, and students will receive a grade for the work they complete during the summer.

Please read the packet carefully.

Should you need a new packet, please check your email for the attached Summer Learning Activities.

May 2024

To: Parents/guardians

RE: 2024 Summer Learning Activities



The following 2024 Summer Learning Activities are slightly different from what students have completed in the past. The purpose of summer learning activities is to prevent regression of academic skills over the summer. Continued reading and math practices are essential for your child to be prepared for the next grade level of learning. 2024 Summer Learning Activities include IXL recommendations, novel reading, and a written book report. *The weekly practice logs need to be returned to the teacher in August for review and inclusion in the 1st quarter's gradebook - grades will be given in math, language, and reading classes.*

Expectations for your summer learning are -

IXL Math - Website - www.ixl.com/signin/courtneycs

- Select skill recommendations to complete practice on 2-3 math skills each week.
- Work each skill to Smart Score of 80.
- *Reminder: Use the videos or examples available on the 1st question's screen and read the teaching information when you have an incorrect response.*

Literature Novel - Daily reading for at least 15 minutes has been proven to demonstrate accelerated reading gains higher than the national average.

- Select one novel from the Summer Reading List that has been attached for summer reading.

Language - Written Book Report

- After reading the novel, complete the book report form attached, demonstrating understanding and comprehension of the novel selected.

Name _____ # _____ Grade _____

Title of Book _____

Summer Book Report Grade Sheet

I. Title/Author/Illustrator/Setting (When and where) _____/5pts.

II.2 Main Characters (each item is 1/2 pts. each for both characters)

description

character traits

how they changed

cite evidence from book

_____/4pts.

III. Summarize Plot: Beginning/Middle/End

_____/3pts.

Problem/Solution

_____/2pts.

IV. Theme/Moral

_____/1pt.

V. Advertisement

_____/4pts.

title

author

colorful

makes someone want to read the book

VI. Opinion/Recommendation (each question 1 pt.)

Why did you choose book?

What did you like about the book?

Who would enjoy the book?

Why would they enjoy the book?

_____/4pts.

VII. Overall Appearance/Neatness/Grammar

_____/3pts

Total

_____/26pts



Summer Reading List

Reading list for students entering 8th grade (choose 1 book):

- The Secret Garden by Frances H. Burnett
- Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- The Great Brain by John Fitzgerald
- Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
- Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery
- Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

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IV. Theme/Moral: (underlying idea and lesson learned)

V. Design an advertisement to promote the book in the box below. Be sure to include the title and author. The ad should make someone else want to read the book.

VI. Opinion/ Recommendation: (Why did you choose this book? What did you like about it? Who would enjoy reading this book? Why?)

IXL user name _____

Password _____

Summer - Math IXL & Reading Log

Date	IXL - Math		
	1	2	3
Week of May 26 - June 1			
Week of June 2-8			
Week of June 9-15			
Week of June 16-22			
Week of June 23-29			
Week of June 30 - July 6			
Week of July 7-13			
Week of July 14-20			
Week of July 21-27			
Week of July 28 - August 3			

Expectations -

- IXL - 2-3 Math skills
- Reading - read 15 minutes at least 3 days/week.
- Do summer math and reading activities at least 8 of the 10 weeks listed above.
- Turn this 2024 Summer Math & Book Report into your homeroom teacher by August 23rd.

Grading Rubric - 20 pts possible

- IXL skills - 10 pts _____
 - verified by IXL data
- Book report _____
 - Due Aug 23

Total points earned _____

General IXL Information - Website - www.ixl.com/signin/courtneycs

Username _____ Password _____

If you have difficulty with the login, contact technology or IXL administrators at CCS - "Margaret Habisreitingner" mhabisreitingner@courtneycs.org or "Mary Coburn" mcoburn@courtneycs.org for assistance. Please do this ASAP. *One of the above will be available at CCS on Tues., May 28th 9-12 noon or Wed., May 29th 9-12 noon for assistance in getting started or taking the diagnostic.*

IXL works on any device -

- Computer through a browser such as Chrome, Safari, Edge, etc.
- Apps on Apple devices (iPad & iPhone) and Android devices (Kindle, Samsung)
 - Be sure to use student login to access personal recommendations & for work to be recorded.

If you do not have a device to access IXL -

- an iPad can be checked out with an agreement to be responsible for all damages incurred during the summer.
- Arrangements will need to be made between May 23-May 29 by calling the school to schedule an appointment for this purpose.

Start by taking the IXL Diagnostic - aka "Snapshot" ---

- 1) Before beginning to use IXL, please watch one of the following videos.

PK-2 video --- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDijGKqG2Bo>

Gr 3-8 video --- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRHTFe2wx6E>

Gr 9-12 video --- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xP_hsceFnLM

- 2) Log into IXL - using your username and password.
- 3) On My IXL page, select "Step Into the Arena".
- 4) Select a question - continue to answer questions until it is complete.
- 5) Remember to click on "I don't know this yet" in the lower right if it is a question that you have not learned yet.

Once the Snapshot is complete, there will be skills listed on the Recommendations tab on the My IXL page. Click on these skills to complete your Summer Learning Activities.

Here is a link to printable/screen shots for taking the IXL diagnostic.

https://www.ixl.com/materials/userguides/IXLQuickStart_Diagnostic.pdf