

St. Paul's Episcopal School
5th Grade Summer Reading Work
2026 - 2027 School Year

5th grade required Summer Assignment

This packet is due on THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. You can find copies of this packet on the St. Paul's website.

Summer Reading – This summer, you are required to read ONE book and complete 20 IXL grammar lessons. You will need to select your book from the following list and complete the attached Response Sheet for the novel and the IXL assignments. This assignment should reflect your best writing. Write in complete sentences and in your neatest handwriting while filling out this sheet. THIS MUST BE A BOOK YOU HAVE NOT READ BEFORE!

Summer Math Review Packet – In addition to your summer reading, you must complete the Summer Math Review IXL skills.

Required reading list (Choose ONE):

- *Two Naomis* by Audrey Vernick and Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich
- *Flying Over Water* by N. H. Senzai and Shannon Hitchcock
- *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan
- *A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Ramée
- *Chester and Gus* by Cammie McGovern
- *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott (Young readers/abridged are okay)
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko
- *Resistance* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Rescue* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Lines of Courage* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Defying Hitler: Jesse Owens' Olympic Triumph* by Nel Yomtov
- *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda M. Hunt
- *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi
- *Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away: YOUNG READERS EDITION* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
- *Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander
- *Hidden Figures - Young Readers' Edition* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *Worst ____ Ever* by Dave Barry

Required IXL grammar work:

- **You will use your IXL account from the previous school year to complete these assignments.** You have been grouped into a class called “Summer Reading” and I have assigned you these 15 assignments via that group. You SHOULD see these assignments assigned to you, but if you do not, you can always search the names of these lessons in the search bar in IXL, OR follow the links here!
- You will also choose 5 skills you know you need to improve. Please write those skills on the attached sheet and turn it in with your summer reading book form.
- This will be graded as an assessment grade at the beginning of the school year. **You must complete EACH assignment to 90% (score) OR for 25 ACTIVE minutes (regardless of score) if you are struggling.** Do not worry about getting things wrong! You can have a low score and still get 100% on this assignment if you try. “Active minutes” means that you are not just sitting with a problem open while waiting for the time to pass. IXL records when you are using active minutes or just idle minutes, so I will not count the activities as complete if IXL does not show you as active.
- We have a stronger emphasis on “formal” writing in 5th grade, from weekly research assignments and Wordly Wise stories to Hall of States in the spring. It is important to keep your grammar skills sharp! These exercises will help you refresh your brain over the summer.
- You will also choose one summer reading book from the provided list and complete a “book report” form.

These 15 (4th-grade level) assignments are REQUIRED:

- Identify the simple subject or the predicate of a sentence
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-the-simple-subject-or-predicate-of-a-sentence?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Is it a complete sentence or a fragment?
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/is-it-a-complete-sentence-or-a-fragment?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Is it a complete sentence, a fragment, or a run-on?
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/is-it-a-complete-sentence-a-fragment-or-a-run-on?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Identify nouns with abstract nouns
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-nouns-with-abstract-nouns?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Identify common and proper nouns
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-common-and-proper-nouns?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Identify personal pronouns
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-personal-pronouns?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Identify action verbs
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-action-verbs?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>

- Identify main verbs and helping verbs
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-main-verbs-and-helping-verbs?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Identify articles
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-articles?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Identify the adjective that describes the noun
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-the-adjective-that-describes-the-noun?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Identify adverbs
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-adverbs?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Identify prepositions
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/identify-prepositions?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Commas with a series
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/commas-with-a-series?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>
- Capitalizing the names of people and pets and titles of respect
<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/capitalizing-the-names-of-people-and-pets-and-titles-of-respect?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>

- Capitalizing the names of places and geographic features

<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-4/capitalizing-the-names-of-places-and-geographic-features?signInRedirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ixl.com%2Fsignin%2Fstpaulsepi>

- You must also choose FIVE (5) assignments in IXL at the fourth-grade level OR HIGHER that you would like to complete. Please write the names of these assignments here:**
