St. Bernard's Catholic School Summer Math Program
Incoming Grade 3 Students: Overview

What is Summer Math?
St. Bernard's Catholic School is once again implementing a summer math program to help students remember what they have learned during the past school year and to help them prepare for the 2016-2017 school year.

How long should my child work on math each day?
We recommend that incoming second grade-students work for **at least 30 minutes on math each day, 4 days a week,** for a total of **60 minutes each week.** . However, your son or daughter may need to spend *more* than this recommended time on summer math lessons in order to complete the assignments. Please have your child spread the work out over the entire summer so that he/she completes a portion of the curriculum each week. This will help your child get started with math in their new grade level immediately upon returning to school in August.

What tool will my child be using for Summer Math?
Incoming second-grade students will play math games on the Sumdog website (sumdog.com/sch/st-bernard) to complete their summer math program. As they play the math games, students will earn 1 coin for each correct answer and 5 coins for each topic that they master. **Please have your child log into Sumdog as soon as possible so that any technical issues can be resolved right away. Having technical problems will not excuse your child from the Summer Math requirement.**

What if we go on vacation?
If your family will be away from Internet access for more than 2 weeks, we recommend having your child spend more time on his/her math either before you leave or after you come back.

Will my child receive a Summer Math grade?
Yes, your child will receive a grade for Summer Math. This grade will be based upon the number of coins your student earns on Sumdog between May 23 and July 31. Incoming second-grade students are expected to earn 3000 coins over the summer. Grades will be assigned according to this scale:

> 3000 Coins +: A
> 2500 - 2999 Coins: B
> 2000 - 2499 Coins: C
> 1500 - 1999 Coins: D
> 0 - 1499 Coins: F

Will students be recognized for the work they do in Summer Math?
Incoming second-grade students who earn at least 3000 coins between May 23 and July 31 will receive special recognition at a Monday morning assembly when school resumes at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

How does Sumdog know what questions to ask my child?
Sumdog uses a diagnostic test to determine the appropriate level of math for each student. This takes place the first few times that your child logs in. Your child will play math games during the test and they may be asked some tricky questions. If this concerns your child, please reassure him/her that it's just Sumdog's way of finding the best level for him/her to begin.

What do we do if we have problems accessing Sumdog over the summer?
If your child loses his/her Sumdog Login Name or Password, please send an email to Mrs. Fisher (cfisher@st-bernardschool.org). If you experience technical difficulties with the program itself, please contact Sumdog Customer Support (http://www.sumdog.com/contact). Please have your child log into sumdog.com as soon as possible so that any technical issues can be resolved right away. Having technical problems will not excuse your child from the Summer Math requirement**.**

Where can we get more information?
Go to the St. Bernard's School Website for more information and additional resources: www.st-bernardschool.org. Choose *Student Resources,* then under *Summer Math*, click on *Instructions & Resources.*

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If your child loses his/her Username and/or Password, contact Mrs. Fisher (cfisher@st-bernardschool.org).

Getting Started

1. System Requirements:

   ### *PC/Mac*

   Go to:

   http://www.sumdog.com/browser_check to make sure your browser supports all of Sumdog's features.

   ### *Mobile Devices*

   Go to : http://www.sumdog.com/en/Sumdog_apps/ to download apps for Apple or Android devices.

2. Using a Web browser, go to www.sumdog.com/sch/st-bernard.

3. Type your Sumdog username and password in the appropriate fields (figure 1).

4. Make sure the School Code box contains the following text: *st-bernard*. If the box is empty, type our school code: *st-bernard* (figure 1).

5. Click *Login* (figure 1).

6. Choose to play against other students in your class, students across the world, or the computer, by clicking the dark green opponents button on the left (figure 2).

7. Choose a game by clicking on the middle of the screen or view all the games by clicking on the yellow *Games* button on the left (see figure 2).

Figure 1. Sumdog Log in screen

Figure 2. Your Sumdog dashboard

Notes

- You will earn 1 coin for every correct answer you give. You will earn 5 bonus points whenever you master a topic. **Spending coins on your avatar, house, or pet will not affect the total coins earned toward your summer goal**. Your grade is based on the coins you've earned, not your current balance.

- Once you have mastered a topic, you may continue to practice it but you will not earn additional coins. Mastered skills have a green box next to them on the Skills menu.

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