



Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

As the end of another school year approaches, we are asking your assistance in keeping your child connected to the learning process through the summer months. The Fourth and Fifth Grade Reading Team has created a Summer Reading IXL Chart that needs to be completed before the start of the new school year, which can be found on the Mary of Nazareth website. We will use a website called IXL this summer for both Language Arts and Math summer work and continue using it throughout the 2026-2027 school year for extra practice and support for specific standards and skills. We are only expecting students to reach a score of 85% to be considered mastered.

Please read the following directions regarding the Reading IXL Chart.

1. Sign in using your Mary of Nazareth login and password <https://www.ixl.com/signin>
2. Must complete all 10 listed IXL Standards. (see attached chart)
3. Must earn 85% or higher on each standard
4. A completed IXL chart signed by one parent needs to be turned in to your **reading** teacher during the first week of school, not your homeroom teacher.
5. Summer work will count as a grammar quiz grade for your child during the first marking period of Quarter 1.
 - a. If your child completes all 10 standards listed in the chart and earns 85% or higher, he/she will earn 100%.
 - b. If your child completes 8-9 standards that are listed in the attached chart and earns 85% or higher, he/she will earn 90%.
 - c. If your child completes 6-7 standards listed in the attached chart, and earns 85% or higher, he/she will earn 80%.
 - d. If your child completes 3-5 standards that are listed in the attached chart and earns 85% or higher, he/she will earn 70%.
 - e. If your child completes 0-2 standards, an administrator will be involved in determining his/her quiz grade percentage.

In addition, your rising 5th grader is required to read *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate. There are no written assignments or tasks to complete—students are simply encouraged to read, think, and reflect on the story at their own pace, while enjoying the experience of a meaningful and engaging novel. Told from the perspective of a wise tree, the story highlights how small acts of compassion can make a big difference. These themes will connect directly to our Religion studies, as students reflect on how we are called to treat others with love and dignity. The novel also provides a natural bridge to our STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) curriculum.

Please join the Mary of Nazareth 4th and 5th Grade Team in continuing to provide the support and encouragement to make learning an integral part of your child's life. Our goal is to encourage students to maintain their reading progress and to better prepare them for the upcoming school year. We wish you and your family an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,
4th and 5th Grade Reading Team

**Language Arts
Incoming 5th Grade**

Complete all **10 of** IXL fifth grade language arts skills that are listed in the below chart, record the skill on this sheet, you should try to complete the skill to a Mastery Score of at least 85%.

Grade Level	Skill Number	Skill Name	Mastery Score of 85% (mandatory)	Highest Mastery Score Achieved (optional)	Date Completed
5 th	A.1	Use Key details to determine main idea			
5 th	F.5	Identify text structure			
5 th	K.1	Select and use text features			
5 th	S.1	Summarize a story			
5 th	JJ.9	Is the sentence simple, compound, or complex?			
5 th	MM.1	Identify the main and helping verb			
5 th	GG.3	Use context clues to identify word meanings			
5 th	Y.5	Words with un-,dis-,in-,im-			
5 th	DD.3	Multiple meaning words with pictures			
5 th	VV.4	Punctuating dialogue			

