



Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



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Dear Rising Sixth Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to Sixth Grade! We are excited to have you in our Middle School classes in the fall. We understand how different Middle School will be for you, but do not worry, your teachers are here to help you make the transition. The summer work that is outlined in this letter is to help you prepare for a busy school year and to hit the ground running.

Literature: *Great Illustrated Classics Version of Journey to the Center of the Earth*. Students should write a brief (~1 paragraph) summary of each chapter; these will be due in the first week of class. They will also have an assessment on the plot of the novel when they return to school in the fall. Click [here](#) for the exact version.

Language Arts: This year's Language Arts Summer assignment will consist of a personalized study plan designed for each individual designed by IXL.MAP scores for each student have been imputed into personal accounts so study plans align with student growth.

Each student's overall MAP score has been updated in IXL. For Language Arts, students are to complete 8 skills over the summer. **A target Smart score proficiency of 85% or more for each skill set is required.**

The IXL system will be wiped clean of any work done during the current school year by June 12th. Therefore, the assignment will be open to work beginning June 13th. Any work done prior to this date will be removed from the system. This is due by 3 PM on September 1, 2026. The Summer assignment grade will account for one quiz grade for the first quarter marking period. Remember to try to learn a new word every day, pray often, go to Mass, relax with your family and friends, and have a wonderful summer!

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Have a blessed and peaceful summer!
The Middle School Teachers