



St. Catherine of Bologna School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a STEM school we recognize the importance of accelerating our math program as well as the importance of mathematics in preparing our students for their place in our global society. Therefore, we have adopted the Study Island program which is currently used by other schools in the Diocese of Paterson. The Study Island program, a web-based math program, will replace the math summer review sheets. Each child will practice using the program over the next few weeks and should be ready to take charge of their math study over 8 weeks during the summer.

To clarify any confusion, below are the expectations of the program:

1. Each child will be given a pre-test before we end this school year.
2. Each grade will have a personalized plan for math work to be done on the Study Island program. This plan will enable each student to maintain the mathematics skills learned during the school year and be ready for new work in September.
3. Each child will be given a post-test in September.
4. Each child will be given a completion grade for the summer work and a test grade for the post-test.
5. The time commitment will vary for individual students but it should be a minimum of 15 hours over the course of the summer. However, time spent will advance the student in math.
6. Any work not completed will be made up in September in order to receive a completion grade.

We know that you will be excited to begin this program. Each child currently in grades 3-7 will be introduced to the program relevant to their grade and will begin to work on lessons at school. They will continue to work in Study Island over the summer. More information about the usage and monitoring of this program will be sent home soon.

I cordially invite you to attend a free *Study Island Skills and Standards Mastery Program* Parent Webinar on Thursday, May 21st at 6:30pm, 2015. The webinar will be provided by Paul McDevitt, Study Island Program Consultant.

In addition to learning basic navigation within and use of *Study Island*, parent participants will also learn how to use data from your child's "Individual Student Reports" to help assess your child's basic math progress.

If you are interested in attending the webinar, please use the information on the reverse side and sign up to attend the session. The session should last no longer than 45 minutes.

Thank you for your commitment to this wonderful program and to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Sr. Theresa Firenze, OSF
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To Join the May 21st Webinar at 6:30 P.M.:

At the time listed above, type the link into your browser to join the Webinar or you can reserve your webinar seat now and you will receive a confirmation email:

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