St. Michael's Academy 2026-2027

STUDENTS ENTERING 7th GRADE

FRECKLE

At St. Michael's Academy, we encourage students to keep their minds active through both reading and math practice. Reading opens the door to new ideas, strengthens communication skills, and fosters imagination, while mathematics develops critical thinking, logical reasoning, problem-solving abilities, and strategic thinking skills that are essential for future success.

This summer, all SMA students are encouraged to read for at least **15 minutes each day** and use the attached reading log to track their progress. Students may also access **Freckle Reading** throughout the summer to reinforce important literacy skills. While these reading activities are optional, regular reading helps students maintain the academic growth achieved during the school year and prepares them for a strong start in the fall.

In addition, all students are required to participate in **Ms. Dougal's Summer Math Challenge** by completing their grade-level assigned number of math minutes through **Freckle Math**. Progress will be tracked from **Wednesday, June 17, through Friday, August 14**. Consistent practice in both reading and math helps students retain important skills, build confidence, and return to school ready for success. We wish all of our SMA families a safe, enjoyable, and enriching summer!

***Please remember to complete the provided activity log and return it to school on the first day.

FRECKLE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEVENTH GRADE

Seventh grade teachers require students to spend a total of 240 minutes of Freckle Math activities over the summer. This averages out to about 30 minutes per week. Appropriate activities are available upon student login.

Science and Social Studies activities are optional but DO NOT count towards the dress down challenge.

SUPPLY LIST

The following supplies are items that the student should have personally available on a daily basis.

- ❑ Crate
- ❑ 5 composition notebooks
- ❑ Blue/black **non-clicking** pens (medium point) Not erasable
- ❑ 2 boxes sharpened #2 pencils - Ticonderoga are the best
- ❑ Red, purple, or green non-clicking pens to correct work
- ❑ 2" binder. No Zipper
- ❑ 2 packs of 3 ring binder dividers with tabs
- ❑ Large soft-sided zippered pencil pouch
- ❑ Colored pencils - 12 pack
- ❑ Crayons - 24 pack
- ❑ Glue sticks
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ 7 homework folders
- ❑ 1 sketchpad for Art

The following items are classroom supplies. These are items donated to the regular and specials classrooms for community use.

- ❑ 4 reams of white copy paper
- ❑ 2 packs college-rule lined paper
- ❑ 1 pack 3"x5" index cards
- ❑ 4 rolls of paper towels
- ❑ 5 boxes of tissues
- ❑ 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- ❑ 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

*Please bring all supplies to school on Parent Orientation night, Tuesday, September 1st (6pm) or during the first week of school.

Additional supplies needed for projects may include:
Trifold board, cut out letters, and construction paper

SUGGESTED BOOK LIST – Over the summer we recommend that your child read on their own (not mandatory). Below is a list of titles and/or authors your child might enjoy.

*	Beals, Melba,	Warriors Don't Cry
	Boyne, John	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
*	Burgan, Michael	Breaker Boys: How a Photograph Helped End
*	Child Labor *Coelho, Paulo	The Alchemist
	Craft, Jerry	New Kid
*	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy
*	Engle, Margarita	Enchanted Air
*	Freedman, Russell	Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle-Maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty
	Gemeinhart, Dan	The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise
	George, Jean Craighead	On the Far Side of the Mountain
	Gray, Nicholas	Mona Lisa Vanishes
	Heidicker, Christian McKay	Scary Stories for Young Foxes
	Higuera, Donna	The Last Cuentista
	Holt, K.A.	House Arrest
*	Kelly, Lynne	Song for a Whale
*	Korman, Gordon	The Unteachables
	Park, Linda Sue	A Single Shard
	Patterson, James	Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life
	Price, Catherine & Haidt, Jonathan	The Amazing Generation
	Rorby, Ginny	Lost in the River of Grass
	Sloan, Holly	Counting by 7s
	Smith, Roland	Elephant Run
	Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	The Egypt Game
*	Soto, Gary	Baseball in April and Other Stories
*	Sperry, Armstrong	Call It Courage
	Swanson, James L.	Chasing Lincoln's Killer
	Tolan, Stephanie S.	Surviving the Applewhites
	Van Draanen, Wendelin	The Running Dream
*	Wilson, Diane Lee	I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade
*	Woodson, Jacqueline	Feathers
	Woodson, Jacqueline	Harbor Me

***Indicates tentative Battle of the Books list for the 2026-2027 school year**

Reading Log

Date	Activity	Start-End Time	Total

Freckle Log

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