

*St. Bartholomew Catholic School Presents:*  
**The Bulldog Bugle**

*June 7, 2024*

# *Congratulations*

St. Bart's would like to congratulate all our students and alumni for a great year!



**Happy  
Summer!**



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Here at *St. Bart's*, we teach reading and spelling using *Groves Method*. We teach spelling and reading as interwoven processes throughout the school year. Over the summer, students can continue to practice these skills in a myriad of ways.



## Here are some great ways to practice during the summer months:

- Read with and to your child throughout the summer. Encourage discussion of the text read by asking questions such as:  
*Who is the story about? Where does the story take place?  
What is happening in the story? What is the meaning of a word and how do you know? What predictions can you make about the story?*
- When coming across unknown words with your child, encourage them to tap out the sounds and blend to read the word. [This video](#) can teach you about tapping.
- Practice spelling words, reminding your child to repeat the word, tap its sounds, and then write the letter(s) that match each sound.
- Enroll your child in a summer reading program through your local public library. Many other businesses, such as Barnes and Noble and Half-Price Books, offer summer reading incentives.
- Turn off the screens and listen to audiobooks on your summer car rides!



# LOOK AT THIS DATA

All students who were in first grade in the fall of 2021 improved their reading speed and accuracy between 1st and 3rd grade. On average, this group of students was reading 104 words per minute faster by the end of 3rd grade.

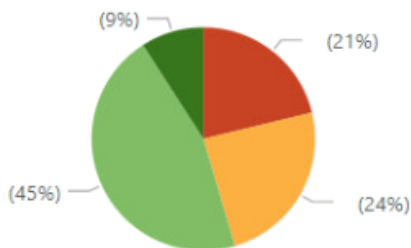
All students who tested below grade level in the fall of 1st grade improved their national percentile and made more than the expected amount of growth. On average, each of these students moved up 36.5 national percentile points- enough for any given student to move well into the "at grade level" category, on average.

This success deserves celebrating!

*yay!*

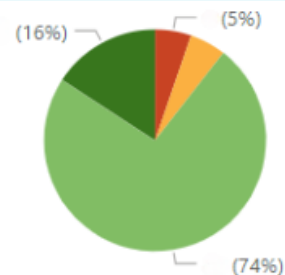
**'21 - '22**

Fall Risk Categories (1st Grade)



**'23 - '24**

Spring Risk Categories (3rd Grade)



● High Risk ● Moderate Risk ● At Grade Level ● Above Grade Level

