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Dear Parents and or Guardians,

First and foremost, let me begin by thanking you for taking on such a unique role in your child's educational experiences since last March of 2020. The saying "it takes a village" took on new meaning during remote/hybrid learning. It is because of you and our incredible, hardworking staff that our students have had such a successful experience despite the perplexity of this past year.

With that being said, we recognize through careful data analysis including reviewing benchmark assessments (LinkIt), common assessments, teacher feedback, and classwork that Mathematics is the content area that was most affected by this model of learning. The New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) lay a foundation for mathematical understanding that is dependent on mastery of previous skills in order to move on to more difficult and advanced topics. Because of the lack of a "traditional" school day, as well as decreased in-person instructional time, mathematical foundations may not be as strong as in previous school years.

In an effort to support student learning and address possible areas of weakness, we are implementing summer math work through the IXL online platform. Students will take the Real-Time Diagnostic in IXL in school between now and June 15, 2021. Depending on the results of this assessment, students will receive an individualized learning plan to remediate, strengthen, and enrich their mathematical knowledge. It is important to know that the goal is NOT to complete a program during the summer months, but to give the students the opportunity to work on skills so they are better prepared for the next school year. Ten to fifteen minutes per week in IXL will give students the opportunity to do this.

Attached you will find a handout that students will submit to their teachers in September. Summer work will count for 2 homework assignments for the math class they are scheduled to have in the fall of 2021. Both you and your child's teachers will have access to view each student's progress digitally through the IXL online platform. The data on the sheet handed in should match what we see online. Remember, we are looking for student growth, not completion of the program.

While we completely understand that summer work is not students' first choice of how to spend their break, however, it is our responsibility to provide resources and access to supplemental curriculum in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. We encourage students to participate in this work as it will benefit them in future learning.

Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Nicole De Bonis, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Linda Simmons, High School Principal
Vincenzo Barchini, High School Vice Principal

We've used IXL to reinforce our curriculum this year, and your child will continue to have access to the online program over the summer. With thousands of interactive skills, IXL is a fun way for your child to keep their learning fresh.



DID YOU KNOW?

Studies have found that students lose one to two months of math and reading skills over the summer. Use IXL to encourage your child to continue learning!

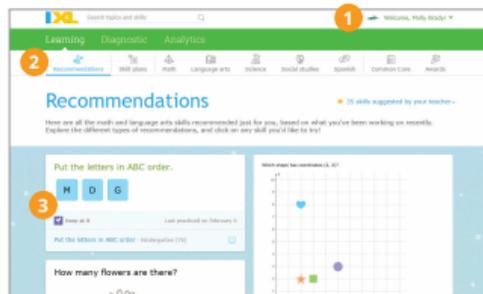
HOW DO I FIND SKILLS TO WORK ON?

1. Sign in to your child's account at www.ixl.com

Username:

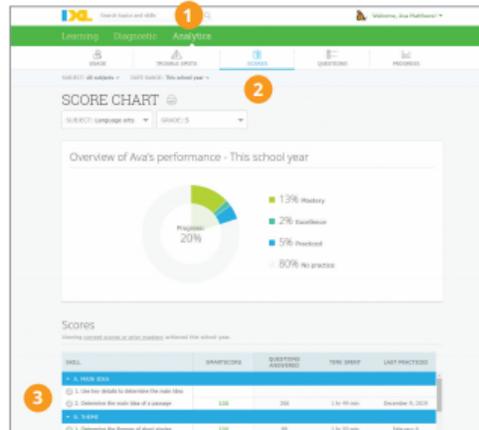
Password:

2. You'll be taken to their Recommendations Wall! These skills are personalized based on your child's practice history and current needs.
3. Have your child explore these recommendations and choose skills that are interesting to them.
4. Keep coming back to see new suggestions throughout the summer!



HOW DO I CHECK MY CHILD'S PROGRESS?

1. Sign in to your child's account and select the "Analytics" tab
2. Select "Scores"
3. Review the list of skills practiced
4. Encourage your child to keep learning!



IXL MOBILE APPS

Going on a trip this summer? Take IXL along with our iPhone, iPad, Android, and Kindle apps!



Want more ideas for summer practice? Visit: www.ixl.com/summer



My IXL Diagnostic Goals

Name: _____



Math

The Diagnostic helps me discover what I know, tracks my growth, and creates a personalized action plan of the best skills for me to work on next.

STARTING OVERALL MATH LEVEL

My current math level is:

END OF SUMMER GOAL (+ _____ POINTS)

I will know I have met my goal if I grow my overall math level to:

	Starting Levels <i>Beginning of June</i>	Checkpoint 1 <i>End of June</i>	Checkpoint 2 <i>End of July</i>	Checkpoint 3 <i>End of August</i>
Overall Math Level				
Numbers & Operations				
Algebra & Algebraic Thinking				
Fractions				
Geometry				
Measurement				
Data, Statistics & Probability				