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| Name:<br>Grade<br>Homeroom: |
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June 3, 2021

Dear 5th, 6th, & 7th grade parents,

Corpus Christi School has again purchased the license for the IXL math program to be used as the summer math program. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math practice problems in thousands of skills--all of which are aligned with Archdiocesan Standards and will prepare students for the next grade level.

Student login information for ixl.com is in your email.:

This is an extremely valuable resource for your child to use. He or she will be able to practice and strengthen concepts learned throughout this year. Many studies have shown that over the summer students lose the equivalent of 2 ½ months of academic learning. The IXL program now has an app to use on mobile devices.

Important guidelines for you and your child to be aware of are as follows:

- Students **are required** to spend 10 full hours on IXL from June 21 to August 22, 2021. This represents approximately one hour/week for 10 weeks on ixl.com over the course of the summer. IXL calculates the time **by active practice/use** and not logged in time. Important reminder: Students will only receive credit for time on IXL Math when properly logged into their account, as instructed in school. Students who do not correctly log in are able to work on skills, but the program will not recognize the time spent and credit will not be awarded.
- The scoring rubric is attached to this letter. Please note that 10 full hours on IXL must be completed by August 22, 2021 to receive full credit. *Hours completed after that date but prior to the first day of school may be scored at reduced points.*
- **Consistent use will yield the best results! Practice on IXL should be spread out weekly over the summer, NOT completed in a rush during the last few weeks of summer.**
- Students should work on the skills and concepts we worked on already throughout the school year and concepts that will be important for success in math next year.
- We can view your child's activity and progress through the skills. We are able to tell what they are practicing, when they are practicing, and how well they are doing.
- Students should seek to demonstrate mastery of math concepts with a score of 80% or higher before moving on to a different skill. After achieving mastery (80% or higher) on the grade level skills, students may practice more challenging skills.
- **Students will receive a test grade in math for their regular, consistent work on ixl.com.**

Because the incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will have engaged in consistent math practice over the summer, it will eliminate the need for an extensive review of prior math topics in the fall. We have discussed IXL and these guidelines with our students and expect that they will assume responsibility for regular practice without repeated reminders from you.

## Student Copy

Parents, please read the rubric carefully to see how points will be earned and then initial the 8 boxes at the far right on the scoring rubric. Return both the Parent/Student signature page at the end of this letter AND the initialed rubric to your child's math teacher by Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Copies of these documents will be posted on the school website for your future reference.

Thank you so much for your support in helping us fight the "summer brain drain!" Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We are looking forward to working with your child and you next year!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Sarpu

### How do I check how much time I have spent practicing IXL math skills?

#### Students:

1. Open browser, and go to <https://www.ixl.com/signin/corpuschristict> to log into your IXL account using the login and password provided.
2. Click on Analytics, then select Usage
3. From the **Subject** pulldown menu select **Math**
4. Choose the skill levels you would like to check (for example: gr 5-6)
5. Most important - Click: Date Range and using the pull down list to select "Custom" and choose a start and end date on the calendars to view total time spent during the indicated time (for example, select start date of 6/20/21 and an end date of 7/4/21 to check on progress during the first couple of weeks.)
6. Experiment with different start and end dates to monitor your progress throughout the summer to make sure it is spread out fairly evenly and that you complete at least 10 hours from 6/20/21 to 8/22/21.



Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Middle School Summer IXL Math  
Parent Signature/Initials Required on Page 3 & Page 4.**

RETURN this signed sheet to Mrs. McKearney or the school office before the beginning of the school year. Keep the parent letter and directions on the first page at home for your reference.

- ✓ Our family has received and read the middle school math letter with the IXL math guidelines and scoring rubric.
- ✓ A parent has initialed the 8 boxes at the far right on the rubric.
- ✓ We understand that IXL math use over the summer will count as a test grade for the first term next year.

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Student signature

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Parent signature

**IXL Summer Homework Scoring Rubric: For Teacher Use**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours completed between June 21, 2021 to August 22, 2021.

| Hours completed of IXL math skills on a level appropriate for the student.  | Points on Test in Term 1       | Score | Parent Initials |
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| Student completed <i>at least</i> 10 full hours within the assigned dates.  | 100 points                     |       |                 |
| <b>Bonus Points:</b> If a student completed the 10 full hours and worked in <b>at least 5 different categories of skills</b> , earn an additional 5 bonus points. | 5 points                       |       |                 |
| <b>Bonus Points:</b> If a student completed the 10 full hours and completed <b>at least 10 different skills</b> , earn an additional 5 bonus points.              | 5 points                       |       |                 |
| Student completed <i>at least</i> 9 full hours.   | 95 points                      |       |                 |
| Student completed <i>at least</i> 8 full hours.   | 85 points                      |       |                 |
| Student completed <i>at least</i> 7 full hours.   | 75 points                      |       |                 |
| Student completed at least 5 full hours.  | 65 points                      |       |                 |
| Total Points Awarded for Assessment Grade, Term 1   | Maximum points available = 110 | /100  |                 |

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_