## St. Jude the Apostle School



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Dear Parents & Students,

St. Jude will again use IXL for our summer skills program and in our classrooms for the 2022-23 school year. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math practice across thousands of skills. One of the best things about IXL is that students can access it from home, so parents have a chance to see their child's progress!

IXL is designed to help students learn at their own pace. The program is adaptive and will adjust based on the student's understanding of the material. All of your child's results will be saved, so you and your child can monitor his or her progress anytime by clicking on Analytics. (For on-the-go practice, you can download IXL's free tablet apps for iPad, Android, or Kindle and sign in with your child's username and password.)

Parents can enter an email in IXL if you would like to receive emails about your child's progress. St. Jude will not provide parent emails to IXL. After your child logs in, click your child's name in the upper right hand corner. Click on Profile and Settings. Then enter your email address.

To get started on your home computer, please follow these easy steps:

- 1. Go to <a href="https://www.ixl.com/signin/brdiocese">https://www.ixl.com/signin/brdiocese</a>. Enter username and password.
- 2. Please make sure you are logged on. Your name should appear in the upper right corner. If you are not logged on properly, you will not receive summer credit.
- 3. This summer your child is being asked to work on 6 specific skills taught during the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year. The required skills to practice are on the back of this letter. In order to fulfill the summer requirement, your student should achieve a "smart score" of 90 or higher for each skill during the summer. The total value for the summer skills will be 60 points awarded at the start of the school year. Each skill is worth 10 points if your child achieves a smart score of 90 or more.
- 4. Since students will be reviewing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade skills, your child may have already done the skill in class. If a SmartScore of 85 was achieved during the school year and the same skill is required for the summer, the student must answer a minimum of 10 questions, practice for at least 10 minutes on that skill, and maintain a SmartScore of at least 85 during the specified dates.
- 5. Your child is welcome to work on any skills for any amount of time. Only the specific assigned skills will be part of the grade.
- 6. Click on any skill to start learning!

I hope you'll encourage your son or daughter to use IXL regularly. Here's to a year of working together to make math learning fun for your child!

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IXL uses the summer to upgrade its systems. Sometimes the level and letter/number combination changes. Instead, students will use the code to find the required skills. Since students are not accustomed to finding the skill in this way, it is important to carefully match the code and name of the skill. All skills will be in Level E.

- 1. Enter the code in the search bar for IXL to find the skill.
- 2. Select the skill that matches the code and name of the skill we have provided.
- 3. Click on that option to start. Verify in the blue stripe the skill name and code match.

## REQUIRED SUMMER SKILLS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING $4^{TH}$ GRADE

<u>Code</u>	Name of skill
A8F	Place value names up to hundred thousand
U7F	Convert between place values
A8Q	Multiplication and division sentences up to 12: true or false?
XSH	Addition and subtraction word problems
Y57	Subtract numbers with four or more digits
KMD	Rounding

Sincerely,

4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers