

St. Raphael's School IXL Math Instructions

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In order for your child to have an enjoyable summer and stay sharp in math, we will now be utilizing the IXL.com program instead of Summer Solutions. The hope is that your child will retain many of the math concepts taught this year, work on topics that he/she has not mastered, and explore a few new areas. IXL is user friendly and gives solid feedback when the children answer questions incorrectly. The program will allow both you and your child's teacher to check in on their progress during the summer and school year. It records the time spent on IXL, topics covered, and gives data as to what level they have mastered with each math goal. Below are the instructions on how to begin.

Directions:

1. Go to <https://www.IXL.com>
2. Enter your child's username and password in the upper right corner and click the button to sign in.
3. Click on the name of the subject (Math) you'd like to work on at the top of the page and navigate to your child's grade level. Use the grade level just completed.
4. Select a highlighted skill to practice from the list of skills. You can place your mouse over any skill to see a sample question and click on the link to begin.
5. All children should complete 50 highlighted skills with a Smartscore of 80 or higher. They should spend approximately 30 – 40 minutes each week practicing the skills.
6. When a skill is completed, your child can cross off that skill on the attached chart. This will help them keep track of his/her accomplishments.

In addition to making practice exciting, IXL is designed to help your child learn at his or her own pace. The program is adaptive and will adjust based on your child's demonstrated understanding of the material. All of your child's results will be saved, so you can monitor his or her progress anytime by clicking on the *Analytics* tab at the top of the page.

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

Thank you,
Mrs. Licastro