Stay Sharp this summer with XL

IXL is a personalized learning platform that is available to 2023-24 Grades 1-5 students throughout the summer to reinforce learning in the area of mathematics.

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How to Make the Most out of IXL at home this summer:

- ★ Teachers will send home student usernames and passwords or login via Clever
- ★ There are two recommended learning options to choose from:
 - Diagnostic Assessment to create Personalized Action Plans
 - Summer Boost Skill Plans to prepare for next school year

★ Option 1: Diagnostic Assessment

- This assessment is about 45 minutes per subject (can stop and start)
- It is adaptive and will create a personalized action plan for your child
- o It's very important not to help your child, as it will alter the skills assigned
- It is normal for your child to have areas above and below grade level
- The goal when working on skills is a smartscore of 80%
- Start by watching this short video with your child <u>Student diagnostic video</u>
- Follow these steps Student diagnostic guide
- Guide to understanding the results <u>Parent diagnostic action plan guide</u>
- Click on Recommendations at the top of the login page to work on Action Plan
- o Revisit the Diagnostic Arena 10 min/ week to keep action plans current

★ Option 2: Summer Boost Skill Plans

- There are 20 days worth of recommended skills in math
- o From the dashboard, click Skill Plans, scroll down to Summer Boost Skill Plans
- o IMPORTANT: Select the grade that your child is going into in the Fall!
- You can "pin" the Skill Plans to your child's Recommendations on the Dashboard
- These cover the most important skills from the just completed school year

★ Tips:

- Each activity includes a teaching example, click at the top and by scrolling down,
 can click on "not feeling ready yet" to bring them to supported skills
- It is recommended that you choose either the Diagnostic route or the Summer Boost route (or a combination of both).
- It is <u>NOT</u> recommended to attempt to complete all skill areas listed per grade
- The goal is to cover about two skills per week
 (approximately two 20 min sessions per subject)
- o IXL Help Center: https://www.ixl.com/help-center/
- Gorham summer contact: samuel.morrison@gorhamschools.org
 (teachers will not be available to support IXL over the summer)