



Dear Parent,

I am pleased to tell you that we will be using a website called IXL at Maryvale this summer and for the coming school year. IXL is a comprehensive math and language arts review site with an unlimited number of practice questions in thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to standard curricula. One of the best things about IXL is that your daughter can access it from home, so you have a chance to see your daughter's progress!

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

1. Go to <https://www.IXL.com/signin/maryvale>
2. Enter your daughter's **username** and **password** and click *Sign in*.
 - You should have received an email directly from IXL with that information. Email Kathy Wilder wilder@maryvale.com if you need further support logging on or with the program itself.
3. Click on *Math* at the top of the page and navigate to your daughter's **current** grade level.
If your daughter is entering 6th grade, summer work should be within her current grade: 5.
4. Find a skill to practice by doing one of the following:
 - Select a specific skill from our suggested list of topics to practice. You can place your mouse over any skill to see a sample question and click on the link to begin.
 - Go to the *Awards* section. Each grade level presents challenges for your daughter to conquer and virtual prizes to be uncovered. Place your mouse over any challenge to begin.

In addition to making math practice exciting, IXL is designed to help your daughter learn at her own pace. The website is adaptive and will adjust to your daughter's demonstrated ability level. The site also saves all of your daughter's results, so you can monitor your daughter's progress anytime by clicking on the *Reports* at the top of the page. We will also be able to track her progress.

Our expectation for the summer math requirement is 6 hours over the course of the summer. Completion of required hours will count toward your daughter's first quiz grade of the quarter 1.

The hope is for your daughter to work on reinforcing her skills over the summer. After she selects a skill topic, once a Smart Score of 80% is achieved, she should move on to another next skill topic. If she finds a skill topic rather challenging, she is welcome to look through the problem explanations for help. If this does not provide proper assistance, she is welcome to choose a different skill topic.

We hope you'll encourage your daughter to use IXL daily. Here's to a year of working together to make math fun for your daughter!

Sincerely,

Kathy Wilder and the Middle School Math Faculty
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