



Dear Parent/Guardians,

I am pleased to tell you that we will be using a website called IXL this year. IXL is a comprehensive math practice site with an unlimited number of math practice questions in hundreds of skills — all of which are aligned to the CT state standards. One of the best things about IXL is that your child can access it from home, so you have a chance to see your child's progress!

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

1. Go to www.ixl.com/signin/redding, or you can click the link on the RES homepage.
2. Enter your child's username and password and click *Sign in*.
(Note: Every child is issued a username and password. Contact your child's teacher or Laura Coates if you do not have this information)
3. Navigate to your child's grade level or one grade level below your child's current grade level...
4. Find a skill to practice by doing one of the following:
 - Select a specific 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. Or
 - Click on the *Awards* tab. Each grade level has an embedded game board with challenges for your child 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 child learn at their own pace. The website is adaptive and will adjust to your child's demonstrated ability level. The site also records all of your child's results, so you can monitor your child's progress anytime by clicking on the *Reports* tab.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Laura Coates

RES Math Specialist