

Student Name: _____

Dear STEM Student,

We are pleased to tell you that we will be using the website IXL.com in our classroom this year. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math and language arts practice problems in thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to the Common Core. One of the best things about IXL is that you can access it from anywhere, and can practice any skill at any time.

Weekly IXL skills will be posted on the STEM blog each MONDAY.

You will receive points for completing summer work and it will be included in the first marking period grade.

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

1. Each Monday, you will need to check the STEM blog, stem.dearbornschools.org
2. You must sign in to IXL each time to record your score. Enter your username and password in the upper right corner and click the button to sign in.

Username:

Password: stem

3. Click on the name of the subject at the top of the page (math or language arts) and navigate to the grade level of the skill you need. Select the posted skills that were assigned on the blog to practice.

IXL Helpful Hints:

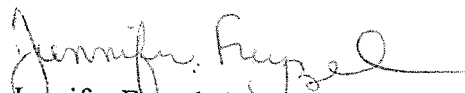
- When you reach your frustration level, STOP.
- IXL will save your score and you can continue where you left off at any time.
- If you get a question wrong, you **MUST** read the explanation.
- IXL is designed to help you learn at your own pace.
- The program is adaptive and will adjust based on your understanding of the material.
- You will lose many points if you get one incorrect, so take your time!

We look forward to a year of working together!

Sincerely,



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