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Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful first grade year! Your children have learned and grown so much, and we have enjoyed working together with all of you. Summer is a great time for the students to review important skills they learned throughout the year. Here are some recommendations to help your incoming second grader stay sharp.

It is so important to continue to make reading a part of your day. In addition to reading with your child, make sure to discuss the characters and important events in the stories you are reading. Allow your child to make predictions and share his or her own views about the text. Second grade is more about reading to learn rather than learning to read. Making sure your child understands what he or she is reading at home will help prepare for this. Encourage your child to keep a journal over the summer, and write about summer adventures too!

Below you will see skills to practice on IXL. These specific skills correspond to the first grade report card standards. Feel free to focus on these skills and/or explore some of the other topics we have covered this year. Your child has the freedom to work at his or her own pace. If a student “completed” a section during the school year, he or she should continue to practice this skill over the summer to reinforce what was learned. The second grade teachers will be able to review the students’ summer work and progress to help them plan for the beginning of the school year.

Suggested Math Practice Skills IXL:

Counting and Number Patterns: A.6-A.22

Addition: D.11, D.13

Subtraction: H.9, H.11

Place Value: M.3, M.5

Fractions: X.3-X.7

Geometry: T.2, W.1

Data and Graphs: O.1-O.3

Measurement: P.1, P.2, P.4

Money: Q.4

Time: U.2

Suggested Language Arts Practice Skills IXL:

Sentences: M.5, M.9

Sentences and Fragments: C.1

Alphabetical Order: W.2

Nouns: N.4, N.5

Verbs: P.2, P.17

Adjectives: R.5

Transition and Sequence: T.3

Capitalization: V.3

Synonyms and Antonyms: X.2, X.3

Literacy Skills: Y.1-Y.5

Please follow these easy steps to use IXL at home:

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. Let your child's teacher know if you forgot the username or password.
3. Click on the name of the subject you'd like at the top of the page and navigate to your child's grade level.
4. Select a specific skill to practice from the list of skills.

If you notice your child struggling on an assigned skill, try having them practice the **supporting skills** which accompany that skill. You can use the **Trouble Spots report and Question log** to see how they are performing.

In addition to making practice more engaging, 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 are automatically saved, so he/she can practice from any device with an internet connection. For on-the-go practice, you can download IXL's free tablet apps for the iPad, Android, or Kindle and sign in with your child's username and password.

We hope you will encourage your son or daughter to use IXL regularly this summer and continue to keep reading and writing a regular part of your routine. Have a fun, restful, and safe summer!

Sincerely,
The First Grade Teachers