

Greetings Parents and Students,

As we enter the summer months, we have an exciting new challenge to help our children exercise their Math/English skills this summer.

While we agree summer should be a time of rest and refreshment for our kids, we also know there are certain skills students need to keep working on to not lose momentum when the school year starts. With the helpful tools found in the IXL program, we can provide students with an engaging way to keep these concepts fresh in their minds, so that when they come back, we can hit the ground running when entering the school year.

**Step 1:** If your student(s) hasn't already done so (most students completed this in class), make sure your student has taken the Assessment found on their IXL account. This helps narrow down skills they need to practice.

**Step 2:** Students will work on tasks assigned by teacher or based on the recommendations from their Assessment Results. To find this, your student(s) will sign into their account at [IXL.com](https://www.ixl.com), students should know their username, but if not, under sign in page click on "forgot username" and it will be sent to the parent's email. If you have trouble from there, please reach out to [vfritsch@my-greenacres.com](mailto:vfritsch@my-greenacres.com) for further assistance. **PASSWORD** for all student accounts is **gca4982**. Go to the My IXL Tab, and once they click on it, they will see their options: From **\*\*Your Teacher**, **\*\*Recent Skills**, or **\*\*Recommendations**.

**Step 3:** Encourage students to work on **\*\*these tasks** for at least 20-30 minutes (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), 30-45 minutes (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>), and 45-60 minutes (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at least three times a week. This will help them progress and not have too much time in between to maintain growth in their tasks.

*\*In the past, students have worked outside of **\*\*Suggested Skills** to try and get through tasks faster and make their time commitments. Please remind your child that GCA teachers and Admin will see which skills they have been working in and how well they are doing in those skills. Remind them, time spent working outside the **\*\*suggested skills** or clicking through answers will not count towards their efforts to place and win prizes\*...Seek quality, not quantity!*

**Great News...all GCA students have been signed up for IXL's 2024 Study in the Sun contest. Students who answer the most questions correctly will win an iPad or gift card from IXL! Winners will be announced August 12th on IXL's Facebook page and will be notified by email.**

To top the ante, Greenacres Christian Academy will hold their own prizes as well for students who excel during the summer from June 10<sup>th</sup>-August 1st:

- Free:
  - Snack Purchase
  - Lunch Orders
- Gift Cards:
  - Amazon
  - Roblox
- TOP 15 STUDENTS:
  - **All Expenses Paid School Trip to Islands of Adventures in Orlando!**

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.