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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

With summer vacation upon us, we know that you have plans for an eventful summer break. While the summer months are a welcome opportunity for fun and relaxation, the break from school assignments often causes students to experience a lag in learning when returning to school in the fall. This lag in learning is often referred to as the “Summer Slide”. The summer slide can result in students losing two to three months of reading and math proficiency. In an effort to curb this learning loss, we are challenging students to spend 20 minutes a week working on ELA skills and 20 minutes a week working on Math skills throughout the summer. Students will use the IXL program as they are already familiar with the platform, how to navigate it and most importantly how to maximize their achievement. Teachers have already uploaded assignments and students have free choice in what they select to work on in both ELA and Math.



Because students will **NOT** have access to school issued chromebooks, personal devices will need to be utilized to access the IXL program. This process will look a little different with a home device, but students can follow the steps below to easily access the IXL program.

1. Using you CMS Email (studentID@student.cms.k12.nc.us) log into Google
2. Log into NCED Cloud (<https://my.ncedcloud.org>)
3. Under Applications, find and click on rapid identity
 - a. Click on Clever (select login with NCED)
 - b. Scroll down to the IXL Icon
 - c. Open IXL
 - d. Choose which tasks to work on for both ELA and Math

We hope that you have a productive and relaxing summer break!!

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