



June 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the end of the school year fast approaching, there are a few steps you can take to prepare your child for continued math success over the summer, and better prepare him/her for the next school year. There are many ways to encourage your child to continue using and practicing their math skills over the summer.

1. Grades 1 - 9: Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge: A Journey Through Mathematics

The State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education designed the Commissioners Summer Math Challenge to help students retain the math skills they have learned during the previous school year. Students in grades 1-8 are welcome and encouraged to participate in this **FREE** online program. Students will need to register online and will receive daily emails with activities and online work to be completed over the summer months. This free math maintenance program is sponsored by MetaMetrics and is based on grade-level standards to help students continue to practice their math skills. There is also a paper math log to be completed when your child returns to school in the fall.

Similar to the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, this program provides incentives for participating districts as well as certificates for participating students. Tollard Public School participants will also earn a special prize for their participation. We encourage all our students to accept the Challenge and continue to practice their math over the summer months.

To register please follow the link below or go to the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge site found on the CT State Department of Education Website. <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Math/Summer-Math-Challenge>

Summer Math Challenge List of Resources:

- Register for Summer Math Challenge
 - <https://math-tools.quantiles.com/accounts/login/?next=/summer-math-challenge/dashboard/>
- 2019 Summer Math Challenge Log
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1POOBM8Ut2NvRnV6-MbprZwZ8e91TsL54/view?usp=sharing>
- Letter to Parents and Students
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vJxmj_d7_Z4HSYAOx_JFwkRJQAKrmlAc/view?usp=sharing

2. Grades 1 - 9: Crabby's Summer Reflex Challenge

Where will you *Re-flex* your math muscles this summer? Color and cut out Crabby and take him with you on your summer adventures. Take a photo of yourself doing Reflex Math with Crabby and return to school this fall. A prize will be awarded for the most creative place Tolland students did Reflex this summer. If you have any questions about Reflex, you may contact ExploreLearning directly, via email at support@explorellearning.com or by phone at 866-882-4141. Reflex will be available to use until **August 1, 2019**.

- a. Crabby - Color and Cut -
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1si5nMtygzs_NrtFKtJv1Pm7jqmloza6/view?usp=sharing
- b. To access Reflex, please follow the steps below or download the Reflex Student app for iPad users.
 - i. Go to <https://www.reflexmath.com>
 - ii. Click "Login" in the upper right hand corner
 - iii. Students should login with the username and student password

3. Grades K-5: IXL Practice

Practice your math skills using the IXL program. Click the link below for summer math practice resources from IXL.

<https://www.ixl.com/inspiration/summer?spMailingID=15696007&spUserID=MzM1MTc2OTk4MjExS0&spJobID=1641549245&spReportId=MTY0MTU0OTI0NQS2>

IXL will be available to use until **August 1, 2019**.

- a. To access IXL, please follow the steps below or download the IXL app for iPad users.
 - i. Go to <https://www.ixl.com/signin/tollandsd>
 - ii. Enter your child's username and password and click "Sign in."
 - iii. Click on any skill to start learning!
 - Students have the ability to select a skill to practice from the:
 - Math tab on the top toolbar
 - Recommendation tab on the opt toolbar (if your student has completed the initial diagnostic)

If you have questions about your child's login information to Reflex or IXL please contact your child's teacher.

Please return your Summer Math Challenge Logs and Reflex Pictures to your building Math Interventionists by September 13, 2019.

Thank you so much for your support! Have a wonderful summer!

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