

My New Sixth Graders –

You have worked so hard all year with Ms. Maidrand; you should feel very proud of yourself! You have made the math muscles in your brain STRONG! However, like any other muscle, you will lose it if you don't use it. I know you are thinking, "It is summer! I want to play and swim, not do math!" I agree! I want you to play and swim and do all the fun things! But believe me, the little time you spend doing math this summer, will save you A LOT of time next year.

This summer I am only having you focus on practicing the skills you need when you walk through our classroom door. You will not be learning anything new; you are just making sure you don't forget what you learned.

Here's how it works. I am posting three IXL "quizzes." I am labeling them June, July, and you guessed it - August! Towards the end of June, you should complete the first one - see how you do! The material will likely still be fresh in your mind so that you may do really well. If you do, FANTASTIC! Spend your days, reading, swimming, playing games. But let's say you don't do as well as you hope; it happens! If this is the case, you should spend some time practicing the IXL sections of the questions you got wrong. It will say the section you should practice on top of the question. Practice those sections a couple of times a week. If you are still getting them wrong, make sure you read the explanation of how to do it correctly. Come the end of July, when you take your second quiz, I have a feeling - you are going to do much better! If there are still concepts you need practice on - now is the time to get serious. Ask a parent or sibling for help, check out the lessons on IXL, or email me. By the due date of August 31, take your final quiz. I will choose your highest quiz grade to enter into the grade book - it is worth 25 points. You will take your fourth and final quiz "September," here in our classroom. That quiz will be just like the other three; it is also worth 25 points. These will be your first grades in 6th grade math and hopefully you will be starting off strong!

If you have any questions, email me. Have a great summer; I can't wait to see you in the Fall.

Mrs. Treacy

