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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students Entering Grade 6 in September 2021,

One of the most important commitments of the Bayonne School District is to set high standards for student achievement and provide optimum learning opportunities. Research shows that students who read and practice language arts skills lay the groundwork for academic achievement. To support this goal, we are asking your child to continue to utilize the *IXL learning platform* that is currently incorporated into their school day.

IXL, at its most basic, is a targeted learning tool. It offers experiences for students, tailored to their age group and specific subject and topic. IXL works by offering skills that students practice, one at a time, earning them points when they get questions correct. Additionally, the *SmartScore* goal, as it's known, helps keep students focused and working toward a target. The SmartScore adapts based on difficulty, so it's not discouraging to get something wrong but rather adaptive to help each student progress to the next level of difficulty suited to them.

We have assigned and selected 10(ten) IXL skills targeted to your child's new grade level. ***Your child can earn up to TEN points (one point for each skill) by:***

- ***Achieving a minimum SmartScore of 80***
- ***Attempted at least 25 questions,***

The following Grade 6 skills have been assigned: (access these skills at https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-6)

Skill #	Code	Name of Skill	Shortcut
1.	D.2	Match causes and effects in informational texts	F7K
2.	F.1	Analyze short stories	RJL
3.	F.2	Vocabulary review: Analyze short stories	25G
4.	G.1	Read and understand informational passages	KJZ
5.	G.3	Trace an Argument	A9H
6.	K.3	Identify supporting details in informational texts	23B
7.	K.4	Identify supporting details in literary texts	6FM
8.	K.5	Identify counterclaims	6AW
9.	P.1	Use Greek and Latin roots as clues to the meaning of words	N5R
10.	V.4	Use context to identify the meaning of a work	5UB

❖ Log into IXL using current IXL login credentials. If you are unsure of these credentials, please contact your child's Language Arts teacher. **Please make sure your child is logged in before starting to work.**

❖ In order to receive credit, students must complete and submit work ***no later than September 22, 2021***.

*** Summer Literacy Program: Building Bridges to Success ***