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What is IXL?

Online curriculum. IXL is one of my favorite websites for math/English homework, and we will be using it weekly in these two classes. A majority of your grade for math and English will come from the points you earn on IXL every week, so please take it seriously.

Why IXL?

Functionality and support. It may feel weird to use an online curriculum for an in-person class, but IXL is more practice than instruction, so think of it as your online workbook/textbook instead of a stand-alone curriculum. Also, I only see you once a week, so depending on how much time you wait between the in-class instruction and the at-home practice, you may be a little rusty on what we went over in class. However, if you miss a question on IXL, it will walk you through why you missed it and explain the correct answer (but you have to actually scroll down and take the time to read/study the explanation). These explanations are a HUGE help that you wouldn't get if you simply did worksheets/workbook pages for homework - I LOVE the fact that you have help at home when I can't be there to help you.

Do I need to purchase a membership?

No. Your membership is already included in the course materials fee. Memberships set up through the school instead of individually save you close to $100, so no need to do anything else. I will set up the IXL accounts during the first week of school and issue the username/password cards. Your membership is good for a full calendar year and includes access to all levels of the subject, so you are welcome to go back and review or even peek ahead at upcoming classes.

Can you/my parents see my work on IXL?

Oh yes. Down to the MINUTE. So, this is NOT the place to cut corners or stretch the truth about how much time you've spent on your homework or how many points you've earned. We have access to real-time information as you are working as well as extensive reports available 24/7.

What if I lose my username/password?

Contact me. On the class roster, I can see your username and password. So, if you lose/forget it, just let me know, and I can look it up. However, I recommend that you write it down in multiple locations - your ISN, phone, notebook, binder, etc. Also, while the original username/password is generated by IXL, you are able to change the password (not username) if you wish. Just remember that I can see all the passwords on the roster, so nothing too crazy, please.

How do I "submit" my IXL homework on Edmodo?

Just submit your total points. If you're like me, you love checking off to do lists, and seeing that you still have homework to do in Edmodo when you've finished it on IXL is annoying. So, to clear that reminder on Edmodo (and to let me know you've finished your homework), simply click on the assignment and list your total number of points earned (including any bonus points), then click submit. I'll confirm the number you submitted by checking IXL, then enter the grade in Edmodo.