

3rd to 4th ELA

June 2020

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Summer is a time for our students to take a much anticipated and needed break from the daily academic routine. It is a time to relax and refresh. Likewise, it also offers a time for renewal and preparation for the upcoming school year. Throughout this past school year, our students have deepened their understanding of many reading and grammar topics and have learned numerous new skills and concepts. In order for these hard-earned skills to be at their fingertips when they return in September, it is important that they have opportunities to refresh and practice reading through these coming weeks. Your child's reading teachers are asking that they spend some time on keeping these skills fresh in their mind.

Listed on the school's web page <http://mec.gcsd.k12.nj.us/>, you will find a link to the required activities for the grade your child is **entering**. The work will be done on IXL. **STUDENTS SHOULD LOGIN THROUGH THE GCSO WEBSITE- For Students/IXL** . All students have an account and have used this site numerous times throughout this past school year. Their username and password have not changed. This will be the students' first grade of the new school year in his or her math/ELA class. Students will be graded on their effort/time spent as well as their grade on the assignment. This is not an assignment that can be completed in the last week of August. We recommend that students manage their time wisely and look to complete at least one or two assignments each week.

**Important: If the assignment was completed during the school year, students should TRY to improve their score! Teachers will put the summer date range to pull scores.**

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## Summer ELA Instructions

1. Go to <http://mec.gcsd.k12.nj.us/> For Students/ IXL



2. Enter your username and password in the top right corner of the page



- a. You must be logged in to receive credit
  - b. If you forget your username and password, please call the main office and ask or email: Kim Stamm. ([kstamm@gcsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:kstamm@gcsd.k12.nj.us))
3. Click on the GRADE LEVEL you have just COMPLETED (ex.: **3rd going into 4<sup>th</sup> will click on 3rd Grade**)
  4. Please complete the topics below until you reach a Smartscore of 80 or have worked for 30 minutes on that topic.
  5. Once all topics are completed, you are finished!
    - a. There is nothing to submit. (Teachers will be able to track your time/days/dates spent on assignments.)

**LOOK FOR THESE TOPICS IN 3rd GRADE**

| Topic              | Skill under Topic  |
|--------------------|--|
| Reading            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Main Idea - <u>Use key details to determine the main idea</u></li><li>● Text Structure- <u>Use text features</u></li></ul>   |
| Writing Strategies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Writer's Purpose- <u>Choose the text that matches the writer's purpose</u></li></ul>   |
| Vocabulary         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Context Clues- <u>Use context to identify the meaning of a word</u></li></ul>  |
| Grammar            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sentences- <u>Is it a complete sentence, a fragment, or a run-on?</u></li><li>● Capitalization- <u>Capitalizing the names of people and pets and titles of respect</u></li></ul> |