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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we head into the summer months, we want to emphasize the importance of continued learning, particularly in the area of mathematics. One of the most critical foundational skills for your child's math success is a strong understanding of multiplication facts.

Mastery of multiplication facts is essential as it lays the groundwork for more complex math concepts such as division, fractions, long multiplication, and even algebra. When students know their multiplication facts automatically, they are able to focus more of their attention on solving multi-step problems and understanding higher-level math concepts without getting slowed down by basic calculations.

We encourage you to help your child **practice multiplication facts regularly over the summer**. Even just **10–15 minutes a day** can make a significant difference. We are sending home flashcards for your child to use but there are many fun and engaging ways to reinforce these skills, including:

- Math games (both physical and online)
- Real-world practice through cooking, shopping, or measuring activities such as:
 - **Cooking** – double or triple a recipe (e.g., “If one batch needs 3 eggs, how many do we need for 3 batches?”)
 - **Grocery shopping** – calculate the total cost (e.g., “If apples are \$2 each, how much for 6 apples?”)
 - **Setting the table** – figure out how many utensils or plates are needed for multiple guests
 - **Planning a party** – estimate supplies (e.g., “If each person gets 3 cookies and we have 8 people, how many cookies?”)
 - **Gardening** – calculate planting in rows (e.g., “4 rows of 6 plants each—how many total?”)
 - Building or crafts – measure and multiply materials (e.g., “Each shelf needs 4 screws, how many for 5 shelves?”)
 - **Chores** – reward charts (e.g., “Earn 2 points per chore—how many for 7 chores?”)


By keeping these skills sharp over the break, your child will return to school more prepared and confident, ready to tackle the next level of math learning.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education. Have a safe, restful, and productive summer!

GCSD Curriculum & Instruction Department



Additionally, students also have access to online programs for skill development.

MATH	
Program	Description
	<p>iXL will help our students grow with immersive learning, insights into progress, and targeted recommendations to continue their learning. Students may log in with their Gloucester City Public Schools credentials/Login with Google.</p> <p>Students can continue to work in the arena on skills tailored to their needs from the school year or have the ability to choose their own skills from grade levels.</p> <p>iXL</p>



Adaptive and individualized, Reflex is the most effective system for mastering basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

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Student Login: *Go to our school website, choose the parents and students tab, click Clever, then Explore Learning*