## **Preparing For Fourth Grade Math**

Over the summer, it will be very important to have your child continue to practice their multiplication and division facts. They should be able to recall these facts quickly without pausing or using their fingers. Being able to recall the facts quickly will greatly increase their confidence and success in math. Research has shown that using different strategies like writing the multiplication facts, using flash cards, singing the multiplication facts, and using online resources will move the facts into their long term memory.

IXL is a wonderful resource that will help your child in preparing for their year in fourth grade. IXL offers more than just math practice. It also is a great resource for Language Arts.

Another great resource is REFLEX. It is an online, game-based program that helps students build fast and effortless recall of math facts. Students are encouraged to login to reflexmath.com at least 3 times a week and strive for the green light each time. Your child can utilize the reflex program from any device, including smartphones.

Please encourage your child to visit one of these two online resources at least 3 times a week throughout the summer.

Attached to this letter, you will find your child's username and password along with tips on using IXL at home. You will also find your child's username and password for REFLEX on their laminated password card located in the report card envelope.

Thank you,
The Fourth Grade Team