

# February 2021



## IXL Summer Camp

Spark your child's creativity and imagination this summer with IXL's Summer Camp program! Children, Young Pre-K/Pre-K through School-Age, will participate in summer camp. This year, due to COVID-19, we are planning "In the House Tuesdays," where we will hold in-house field trips utilizing all safety protocols already in place. For these days, we will have fun, interactive in-house guests or virtual presentations to explore, discover and intrigue our campers! Other exciting days will include Move It Mondays, Wet-Wet-Wednesdays, T.E.A.M. Up Thursdays and Festive Fridays!

Registration dates and a more detailed preview of our 2021 Summer Camp program will be coming soon. Please contact the office if you have any questions. We look forward to a fun summer!

## COVID-19 Updates

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, please be on the lookout for any IXL updates regarding new information or protocols that may be required. COVID-19 updates are sent via the Tadpoles App.

## No Homemade Food Policy

In an effort to keep the children in our care safe and healthy, IXL does NOT allow homemade food/treats to be served to the classroom. This policy applies to any and all food brought in to IXL for a group of children, such as daily snacks/meals, birthday treats and parties.

- Food prepared from home may be served to an individual child, but must still be nut free
- Parents/staff may still bring in items that are store bought
- Item MUST have the ingredients listed and be peanut/nut-free (manufactured in a peanut/nut-free facility)
- Parents/staff can also bring in single ingredient items such as carrots, strawberries, etc.
- Children with anaphylactic allergies MUST still bring their own food/treats

## Family Photos

As part of our Little Smarties and Smart Start Curriculums, we ask families to bring in a family photo to be displayed in your child's classroom. We incorporate families and these photos into our lesson plans and it follows the Michigan Standards of Quality strands. Please make sure your child has one for their classroom. Feel free to also update if your family has grown.

## Nannying/Babysitting Policy

To avoid any conflict of interest, employees are prohibited from nannying/babysitting children currently enrolled with IXL Learning Center. We politely ask that you refrain from inquiring with IXL staff in regards to nannying/babysitting. Doing so may affect their employment.

♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥



## Upcoming Dates:



### Pajama Day

Tuesday, February 2nd



### Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 14th

### March is Reading Month

More details to come!

# February is Assessment Month

The Lead Teachers in our Smart Start classrooms (2 ½ and older) will be assessing children in their classrooms during the month of February. IXL uses an assessment app called HighMark as a tool for teachers to assess each child more efficiently. For this assessment period, children's assessments will be completed by the end of February and a copy will be provided to parents for review in early March. If you have any questions about your child's assessment, feel free to reach out to a director.

# Children's Dental Health Month

February is National Children's Dental Health Month! One of our weekly themes for the month of February is Dental Hygiene. Children will learn tips and participate in activities to learn how to keep their teeth healthy. According to the American Dental Association, some tips for keeping children's teeth healthy include:



- Brush your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste
- Clean between your teeth with floss daily
- Eat a healthy diet that limits sugary beverages and snacks
- See your dentist regularly for prevention & treatment

# IXL Referral Program

\$100 for you & \$100 for them when you refer a new family to IXL!

The new family must list the referring family's name as their referral on enrollment documentation.

Tuition credit will be applied to your account upon successful completion of new family's first week of attendance.

Please ask if you have any questions regarding our referral program.



# Requests in Scheduling

All of our parent request forms are now digital! To make a request, follow the link on your center's specific newsletter page or scan the QR code near the entrance to our building to make a request. You can also find the link below in the "Quick Links" section. This includes Add Day, Switch Day, Vacation or Absence and Drop In.

Please note that add or switch days are based on the availability of your child(ren)'s classroom(s). If you are making a permanent switch to your child's schedule, IXL requires a 2 week notice to look into availability and approval.

Absence/Vacation forms are due to the office 2 weeks prior to the date requested for billing purposes. Other request forms are appreciated as soon as possible, as this helps with verifying availability and ensuring the accuracy of your account balance.

# Important Reminders:

## Winter Closing Policy:

IXL Learning Center will remain open during most severe weather. In the event of extreme weather conditions, we will monitor surrounding public school district closings reported on the local news channels and social media sources. This includes, but is not limited to, closures, delayed openings and early dismissals.

If IXL deems it necessary for closure or delayed opening, families and staff will be informed in the following ways:

- Tadpoles message sent directly to families, via text or email
- Post on IXL's Facebook page
- Voicemail message when calling the center

## Summer Enrollment Status:

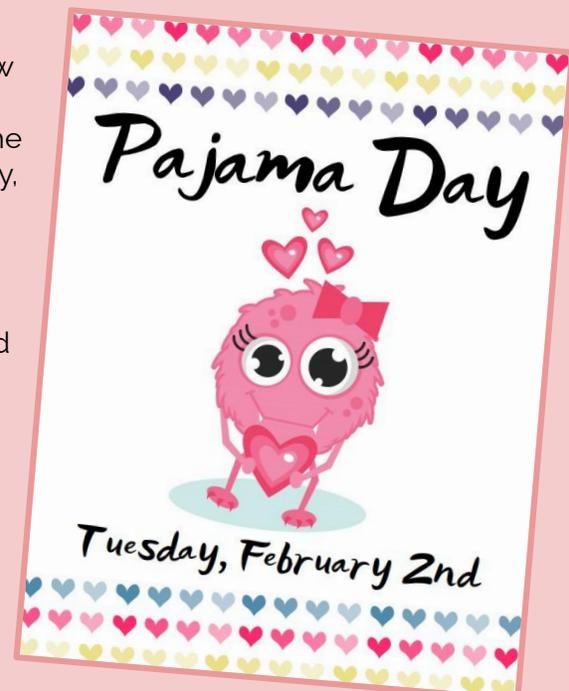
With summer around the corner, your child's enrollment status must be maintained through the summer to secure their fall spot.

## Parking Lot Safety:

Please use slow speeds as you enter and exit the IXL parking lot. Thank you!

## Extra Clothes:

Please remember to have extra LABELED clothes in your child's cubby. Accidents and messes happen at all ages. This includes shirts, pants, underwear, and socks. We have some spares, but they are not guaranteed to be your child's size or gender.





# IXL Smart Start Curriculum: Kindergarten Readiness

Local schools are beginning to plan for fall with Kindergarten Registration. Our Pre-K students are busy preparing themselves for their next big adventure- starting Kindergarten! See your center's specific page for links to local Kindergarten registration information.

Our Smart Start Curriculum was developed to provide children with the skills to prepare them for Kindergarten. Below is a brief highlight of our curriculum components that help with kindergarten readiness.

## Social Emotional

- guides children in their capacity for self control, self confidence, trust, communication and empathy
- creates a well balanced classroom environment where children are heard and understood
- children learn problem solving solutions, emotional recognition and visual procedures
- children use "Power Phrases" to learn expectations within the classroom: I am KIND, I am SAFE, I am HELPFUL, I am ME!

## IXL Phonics

- language based phonemic awareness program that uses multi-sensory lessons to teach developmentally appropriate skills which include:
  - letter recognition
  - sound recognition
  - sound symbol association
  - sound blending
  - rhyming
  - sound segmenting
  - simple reading decoding
  - early spelling skills
- hand movements & sound toys are used as a mnemonic tool to help children associate the sound with the letter
- letter cards help children associate the letter, sound and hand movement all together
- locating "speech pals" on their body help assist children in forming their letters correctly



## Handwriting Without Tears (HWT)

- the following are the foundation of Handwriting Without Tears:
  - teaches crayon/pencil grip
  - begin by teaching child to write 'NAME' in capital letters, then transition to writing 'Name' in lowercase letters
  - smiley face in the top left corner reminds children to start their letters at the top
  - HWT songs help children learn the many HWT skills in a fun way

## TouchMath

- multi-sensory math program that makes math concepts appealing and accessible to students
- using TouchNumerals & TouchPoints, students are able to count, place and change colors, while learning to add and subtract
- concepts taught include:
  - number recognition
  - counting
  - touching/counting patterns
  - greater/less than
  - place value
  - addition
  - subtraction

## Program Assessment

- IXL uses an assessment tool three times per year, which displays the children's development and growth
- readiness skills included in our assessment:
  - social emotional development
  - classroom expectations
  - self-help skills
  - language & early literacy
  - mathematics readiness
  - science/social studies readiness
  - fine/gross motor skills
- each child has a portfolio that houses a variety of different types of their work at all different ages, which is a great visual of growth and progression



### Infant/Infant Too

Date:	Theme:	Sign:	Shape:	Color:	Discovery:	Music:	Emotion:
1st-5th	Dental Hygiene	Hot	Rectangle	Gray	Toothbrush	"Brush your Teeth"	Mad
8th-12th	Be My Valentine	Love	Circle	White	Cookie	"I Love You"	Excited
15th-19th	Winter Sports	Happy	Heart	Red	Sled	"Alphabet"	Hurt
22nd-26th	Let's Go on an Adventure	Mom, Dad	Star	Orange	Foot	"Down by Station"	Silly



### Toddler/Toddler Too

Date:	Theme:	Letter:	Number:	Sign:	Shape:	Color:	Body:	Discovery:	Music:	Emotion:
1st-5th	Dental Hygiene	U	1	Hot	Heart	Gray	Jaw	Teeth	"Brush your Teeth"	Mad
8th-12th	Be My Valentine	V	2	Love	Oval	White	Cheek	Card	"I Love You"	Excited
15th-19th	Winter Sports	W	3	Happy	Star	Red	Fingernail	Medal	"Alphabet"	Hurt
22nd-26th	Let's Go on an Adventure	X	4	Mom, Dad	Diamond	Orange	Toenail	Suitcase	"Down by Station"	Silly



### Young Preschool

Date:	Theme:	Letter:	Number:	Shape:	Color:	Sign Language/Spanish:	Emotion:
1st-5th	Dental Hygiene	U	1	Square	Gray	Toothbrush	Mad
8th-12th	Be My Valentine	V	2	Triangle	White	Love	Excited
15th-19th	Winter Sports	W	3	Rectangle	Red	Cold	Hurt
22nd-26th	Let's Go on an Adventure	X	4	Circle	Orange	Airplane	Silly



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15th-19th	Winter Sports	W	3	Rectangle	Red	Cold	Hurt
22nd-26th	Let's Go on an Adventure	X	4	Circle	Orange	Airplane	Silly



### Young Pre-K/Pre-K

Date:	Theme:	Letter:	Number:	Shape:	Color:	Sign Language/Spanish:	Emotion:	Sight Word:
1st-5th	Dental Hygiene	U	21	Diamond	Gray	Toothbrush	Mad	up
8th-12th	Be My Valentine	V	22	Semicircle	White	Love	Excited	we
15th-19th	Winter Sports	W	23	Crescent	Red	Cold	Hurt	my
22nd-26th	Let's Go on an Adventure	X	24	Pentagon	Orange	Airplane	Silly	big

# Lunch Menu



## February 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Spaghetti Cauliflower Fruit	<b>2</b> Mini Pancakes Sausage Fruit	<b>3</b> Sloppy Joes Mixed Veggies Fruit	<b>4</b> Ham & Cheese Bagels Peas Fruit	<b>5</b> Pizza Sticks Corn Fruit
<b>8</b> Ravioli Green Beans Fruit	<b>9</b> Mini Corn Dogs Carrots Fruit	<b>10</b> Cheeseburgers Broccoli Fruit	<b>11</b> Chef's Choice Veggie Fruit	<b>12</b> Turkey & Cheese Roll Ups Cauliflower Fruit
<b>15</b> Whole Grain Cheese Calzone Mixed Veggies Fruit	<b>16</b> Chicken Noodle Soup Breadsticks Fruit	<b>17</b> Chicken Sandwiches Peas Fruit	<b>18</b> Meatballs Corn Fruit	<b>19</b> French Toast Sausage Fruit
<b>22</b> Taqitos Green Beans Fruit	<b>23</b> Hickory Ham Mashed Potatoes Fruit	<b>24</b> Creamy Noodles Carrots Fruit	<b>25</b> Popcorn Chicken Broccoli Fruit	<b>26</b> Pulled Pork Cauliflower Fruit





# HAMBURG CENTER

## Sending a BIG Thank You!

We wanted to take a moment and send a BIG thank you to our families for your patience during this uncertain time. We appreciate your patience at drop off and pick up, as our "runners" are working to be as efficient as possible, especially during the winter months. Snow gear has become a new challenge this season, as it takes a bit of extra time at pick up. Thank you for your patience!

## Valentine's Day Parties

Friendship is in the air! As Valentine's Day approaches, classrooms will celebrate with a valentine party on Friday, February 12th. If your child would like to pass out valentine cards, please only write your child's name on the card, leaving the "to" blank or addressed to "a friend." Your child's classroom will let you know the number of students in their class. Classrooms will also be decorating bags. Please bring all valentine cards in by Tuesday, February 9th.



## Kindergarten Registration

It's that time of year, where our Pre-K friends start registering for Kindergarten! Please see links below for local Kindergarten Registration information.

[Pinckney](#)  
[Whitmore Lake](#)  
[Brighton](#)

[Dexter](#)  
[Charyl Stockwell Academy](#)

## COVID-19 Travel Reminder

Reminder that if you are traveling outside the state of Michigan to a state that is considered a "hot spot," you will be asked to quarantine from IXL for 10 days upon your return to Michigan. To determine which states are considered a hot spot, please reference the [Covid Act Now](#) website. The states shown in the color red or dark red will require a 10 day quarantine from IXL upon your return to Michigan. Additionally, if the state you are traveling to is not currently red or dark red but turns red or dark red while you are there, a 10 day quarantine from IXL will be necessary. If you have any out of state travel plans, please notify your director about what this means for your return date to IXL.

### IXL Quick Links:

Click on the icons below to go to these quick links.



IXL Website



Parent Request Forms



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### Monthly Supplies

Please bring your labeled supplies to the office by the end of each month.

#### All Ages:

1 package of unscented baby wipes & 1 roll of paper towel



### Scholastic Book Orders

We are excited to offer scholastic book orders! During the COVID crisis, you can choose where to have your books shipped: to your home or delivered to IXL with our center order. With a \$25 order, you will get FREE shipping and a FREE Book (use code: READS).

Scholastic Book Club Website:  
[clubs.scholastic.com](https://clubs.scholastic.com)  
Class code: **NJC38**  
Order Due Date: **2/10/21**

All orders also earn FREE books for our center. Thank you for your support!



### Classroom Corner

**Infant Blue-** Please make sure you are labeling all bottles and food with name, date, and contents. Thank you!

**Infant Too-** Please bring in a photo for our family photo board if you have not already done so. Please make sure you are bringing in winter gear.

**School-Age-** Please be bringing in all winter gear as we do go outside daily!

