



# Bayou Woods Elementary School XtraMath Guide for Parents

## What is XtraMath?

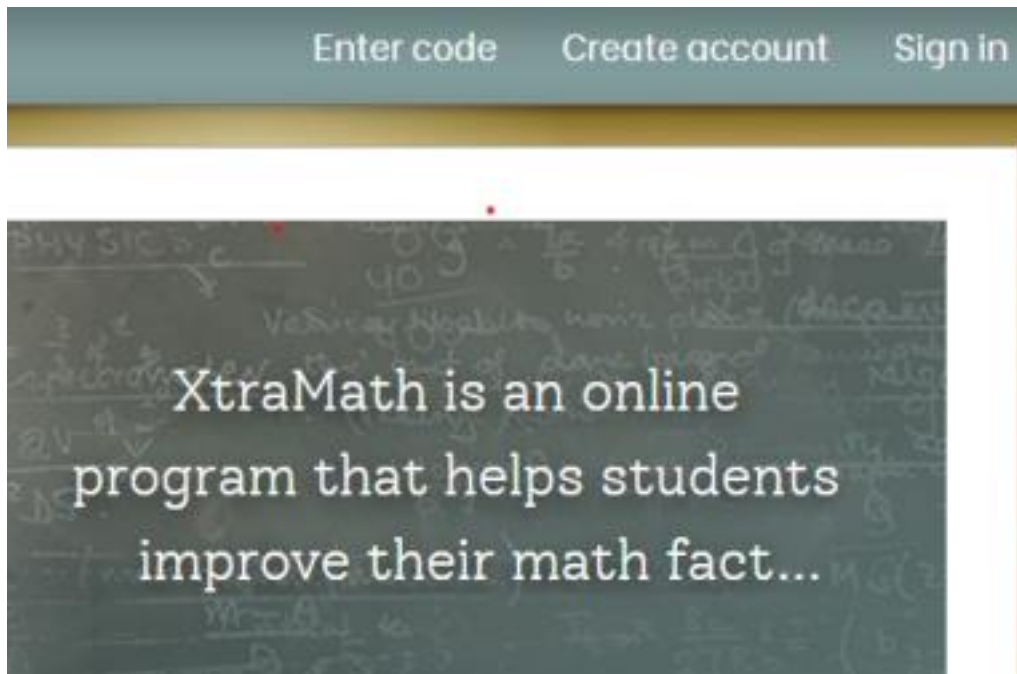
XtraMath is an online math fact fluency program. It does not introduce new math concepts to students, but instead helps students develop math fact automaticity. You should make sure your child can answer problems without time pressure before they start to practice an operation in XtraMath. XtraMath was designed for elementary school students, but it's also used by older students for review or to catch up.

## Getting started with XtraMath

Type in the url into the address bar: <https://home.xtramath.org/> If your child already has an account created by the classroom teacher, log in information should have been provided. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. If your child doesn't have an account and you would like to create one, it's free!

The screenshot shows the XtraMath website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the XtraMath logo and links for 'Donate', 'Resources', 'Support', 'Enter code', 'Create account', and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image featuring a young boy sitting at a desk with two computer monitors. The text on the banner reads: 'XtraMath is an online program that helps students improve their math fact...'. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'A Strong Foundation' with the following text: 'XtraMath\* is an online math fact fluency program that helps students develop quick recall and automaticity of their basic math facts. Students with a strong foundation of basic math facts will have an easier time when they begin to tackle more advanced math, like fractions or algebra.' To the right of this text are two call-to-action buttons: 'Sign Up for a free teacher or family account' with a pencil icon, and 'Enroll with code from your' with a document icon.

At the top right hand corner you have the option to Sign in to your child's teacher created account or to create an account on your own.



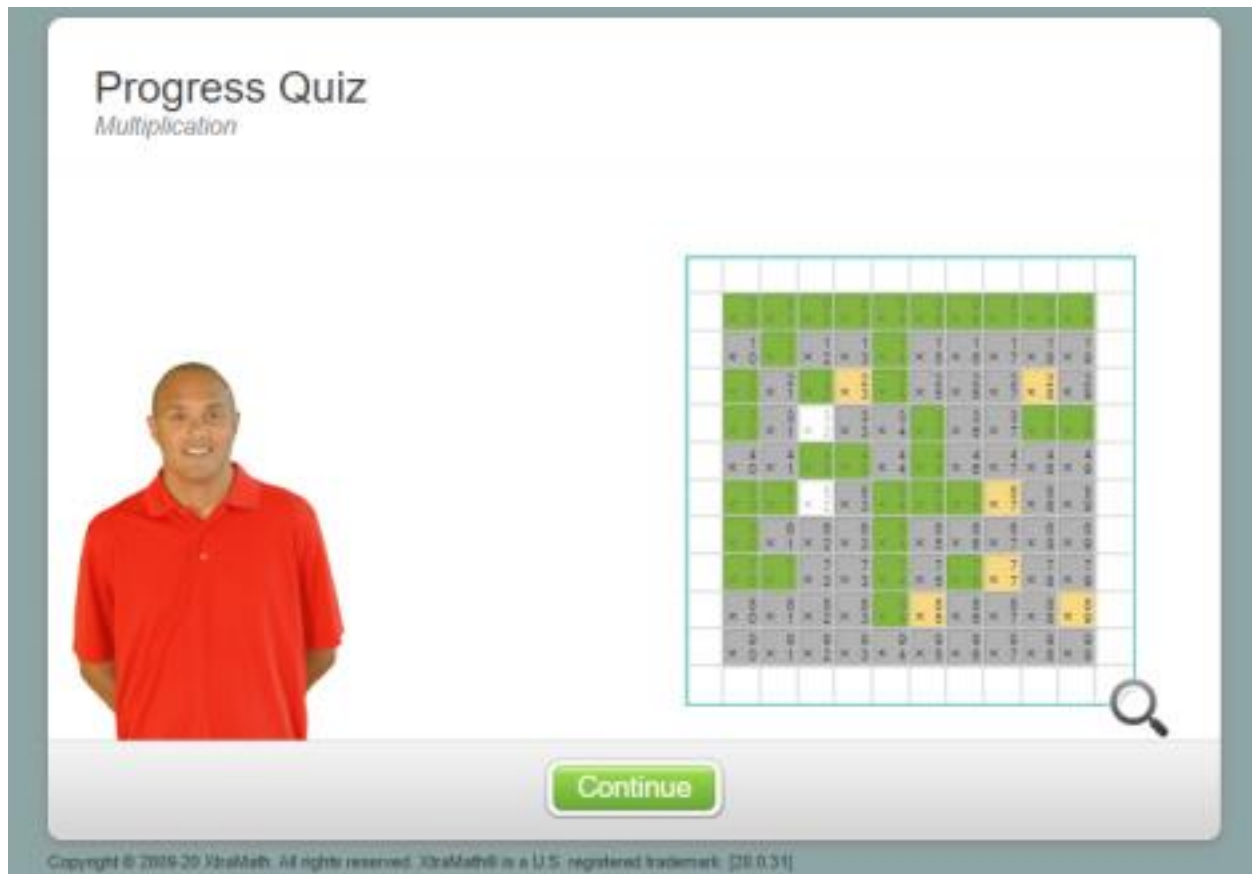
Clicking Sign in will bring students to the login screen. On initial login, students will need their teacher's email address, Username and PIN. If your child already has an account created by the classroom teacher, log in information should have been provided. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. Clicking Remember me on this device will make logging in, easier and faster.



### **What does XtraMath look like?**

XtraMath sessions are short — about 10 minutes or less — and are ideally

intended to be done once a day. A typical session consists of a few quiz and practice activities, each lasting about two minutes. Placement ends when XtraMath is able to determine the initial fluency score. This score is a reference point for teachers and parents so they can track how the student progresses.



## **Practice**

After the progress quiz, the student moves on to practice activities called Race the Teacher. The student is challenged to answer the problems more quickly than the teacher character, and to see how many correct answers they can get in a row. Practices are where students develop their fact fluency. XtraMath chooses an individualized set of 10 facts for the student to work on. Spaced repetition is used to solidify knowledge of these particular facts.