



Dear AJLA Parent and Guardian,

We would like to invite you and your child to join an epic (and free!) learning challenge for students in our area. Any student in grades 3-12 can sign up for a 9-week challenge designed to build perseverance and grit through mastery of math skills on KhanAcademy.org. The challenge will run from January 29th to April 1st, but signups are open now.

Here's a short description from Khan Academy:

"From January 29th through April 1st, students in grades 3–12 can master math skills on khanacademy.org to earn rewards and recognition for themselves and their school. LearnStorm gives every student a way to succeed, no matter their level."

**You can sign up for free at [LearnStorm2016.org](http://LearnStorm2016.org).**

Here are the key points:

- **Builds confidence in every student** - LearnStorm rewards growth and diligence as much as achievement, so that every student has the opportunity to be recognized for their hard work.
- **Strengthens Common Core math skills** - Students work on Khan Academy's adaptive learning platform with thousands of interactive exercises, with step-by-step hints, and supporting videos.
- **Rewards school teams as well as individual students** - Students can work independently and as members of their school team, building school pride, and earning the chance to attend an epic, in-person final celebration.
- **Is easy to sign up and participate from anywhere** - all your child needs is an Internet connection and a Khan Academy account.

As a parent, all you need to encourage your child to participate. AJLA students in grades 3-8 will sign in using their Google@CPS login credentials. For more information, resources to share, and ideas for how to support your child, take a look at: [LearnStorm2016.org/resources/chicago](http://LearnStorm2016.org/resources/chicago)

All the best,

*Andrew Jackson Language Academy*

P.S. If you're not familiar with Khan Academy, it's a not-for-profit with the mission "to provide a free world-class education for anyone, anywhere."