#### PARENT GUIDE FOR MECHANICS ONLINE

## **Purpose of the Program**

Mechanics is a basic skills program for reteaching essential foundation skills in Math and Language Arts to students who are two or more grade levels behind their peers. It spans grade levels 1 through 8. Struggling learners, who start low, find success and work their way up. They gain confidence and self-esteem. Mechanics helps students master foundation skills from prior grades. The purpose of this program is to find student strengths and weaknesses, as well as provide instruction that is tailored to each student's needs. Mechanics has 3 levels: Level 1 (Grades 1-3), Level 2 (Grades 3-5), and Level 3 (Grades 6-8).

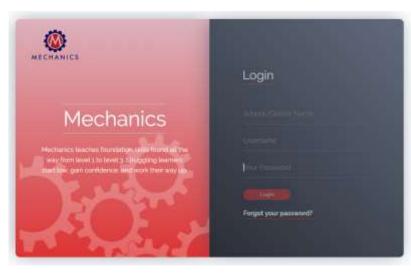
#### **How Parents Can Help**

The major purpose of parental involvement is to give you tools and empower you to assist your child in learning and mastering educational concepts. Your involvement can range from simply providing praise when your student scores high on one of the lessons in Mechanics to helping them learn concepts by viewing multimedia instruction and practice questions together.

## Log in from anywhere!

Achiever! may be used on any computer or tablet that has Internet access.

- 1. Go to Mechanics.Brainchild.com/
- 2. Login in with the School Name, Student Username, and Student Password.

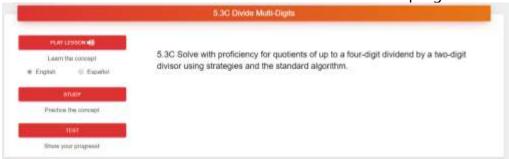






Students master each standard with a 3-step process:

- 1. **PLAY LESSON**: A short video lesson teaches the standard.
- 2. **STUDY**: Students answer questions and receive immediate feedback.
- 3. **TEST**: A test on each standard will record the scores to track progress.



# **Suggestions for Parents**

Think of ways to reward your child for each green checkmark. Rewards can range from simple praise to granting an award or a privilege for a certain number of checkmarks earned.

# If your child scores low on a lesson:

- Watch the Play Lesson animations in a lesson and discuss the concept with your child. The computer must have speakers for audio.
- Work with your child in the Study mode, reading and discussing the solutions. Scores are not recorded in the Study mode.

Do not take a test for your child or help them answer questions in the **Test** mode! If they earn a score on their own, they build confidence and self-esteem.