

Dear K-8 Families,

I hope that this letter finds you healthy and enjoying your new year! This school year continues to be a unique one. We will administer the i-Ready mid-year diagnostic virtually. The i-Ready is a helpful educational data collection tool that provides teachers insight into areas of academic strength and needed improvement for your students. Especially in this remote climate, i-Ready is important. Regardless of where the diagnostic takes place, it's critical for teachers to get accurate and reliable data to help them understand where students need the most support.

i-Ready will be administered for grades K-8 during different windows of time:

**-6-8th will begin Monday, January 25th**

**-K-5th will begin Monday, February 1st**

Diagnostics will take place in both reading and math. The diagnostic will be broken up into sessions under the direction of the classroom teachers. A few things that will make the i-Ready experience more successful for students and create the most helpful results for teachers are the following:

1. One of the most important things you can do to generate valid, useful data is to take time to become familiar with the process. Please watch this video ([English](#) | [Spanish](#) and/or [link](#) to better understand the diagnostic.
2. Make sure your child is well rested, ready to learn and has eaten.
3. Create a quiet learning space free of distractions.
4. Students will ideally need a PC or MAC. Some iPads will support the diagnostic with the use of the i-Ready app. Headphones are extremely helpful.
5. Make sure you can connect to i-Ready. i-Ready supports most of the major internet browsers (Safari, Chromium Edge, Chrome, and Firefox) and operating systems (MacOS, Windows 7 & 10 and ChromeOS). In order to ensure the best experience, please make sure the browser version and OS used for i-Ready are fully supported. Try out access before the start date!
6. Your teacher will make sure that you have access to the username and password for your student. Please keep these somewhere convenient for reference.
7. It is imperative that your child works independently. If your child requires assistance, your student will have access to the teacher by opening a Google meet link during sessions which will be provided by the instructor. Teachers need an accurate picture of what each student knows.
8. Students DO NOT NEED to finish in one session. Students who rush will be asked to take the assessment again. Please discuss working slowly and carefully with your students.
9. While "best guesses" will always be necessary as an important test-taking tool, we ask that every student does their absolute best to show what they know. The results will determine the assignments your student receives in the i-Ready instructional program and will be an indicator of your student's needs to our teachers.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in this important learning task! Together we will make this year, no matter where classes are being held, one of growth and success for every student!

Sincerely,

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