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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school has been using a program called *i-Ready® Diagnostic & Instruction*, an innovative adaptive assessment and engaging personalized instruction program for reading and math. *i-Ready* will help teachers assess the needs of each and every student in their class while monitoring progress throughout the school year. It will also provide differentiated, individualized online and classroom instruction based on the skills that each student needs.

*i-Ready* Diagnostic will be given three times during the school year: the Diagnostic will be given at the beginning, middle, and end of the year. The results of the adaptive assessment provide teachers with an instructional course of action personalized for each student.

**An adaptive assessment is:**
- Designed for students to get about 50% correct and 50% incorrect and will find a “just right” placement level for reading and/or mathematics for each student in the quickest, most efficient way possible.
- Helpful in showing what your child “can do” and what “the next steps for instruction” will be, individualizing instruction for each student.

I would like to enlist your assistance in preparing your child for this assessment, if they have not already completed the diagnostic this fall. **Please encourage your child to:**
- Eat a good breakfast and be rested for the day of the assessment
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush
- Try not to worry about questions they do not know—remind them that it is expected they will get about half of the questions correct
- Take “breaks” and have fun with the short "game breaks" that are integrated into the assessment
- Have paper and pencil handy for math questions
- Be respectful of other students who take longer to finish

Immediately following the assessment, *i-Ready* will place your child into Online Instruction to support his or her progress in mastering essential skills in reading and math. The Online Instruction, if used more than 45 minutes per subject, per week, has been proven to help students grow academically. We encourage you to work with your teacher to find out how you can help your child at home access this instruction beyond the hours of formal class instruction.

If you have any questions about *i-Ready Diagnostic & Instruction*, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s teacher directly. You can also learn more about *i-Ready* by visiting [www.i-ready.com/tour](http://www.i-ready.com/tour).

Sincerely,

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