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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share that Readington Township is implementing an adaptive reading and math assessment in grades Kindergarten through Eighth called *i-Ready*. Below, you will find information about the program and how we will be using it in the classroom.

## What is *i-Ready*?

*i-Ready* is an online program that will help us determine your child's strengths and areas for growth, personalize their learning, and monitor their progress throughout the school year. *i-Ready* allows us to meet your child where they are and provides us with data to inform instruction.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student receives is based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier ones.

## What can I do to help?

To help prepare your child for the *i-Ready Diagnostic*, encourage them to:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast 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 that they will only get about half of the questions correct.
- Be respectful of other students who take longer to finish.
- Use paper and pencil to show their work.

## What happens next?

Your child's teacher will inform you when the class will be taking the assessment. The *i-Ready Diagnostic* provides results that help teachers identify children's strengths and determine next steps for instruction. This assessment is also used as one of the criteria for placement in Gifted & Talented, Intervention, and Third Grade Honors Math.

If you have any questions about *i-Ready*, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school. You can also learn more about *i-Ready* by visiting <u>i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter</u> or <u>District Website</u>

As always, thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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