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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are already aware, the Patchogue-Medford School District adopted the iReady Diagnostic & Instruction this school year in grades 3-8. iReady is an adaptive assessment that district students will take three times (beginning, middle and end) per year in reading and math. Each question a student receives as part of the assessment is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. A series of correct answers will prompt slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers prompt slightly easier questions. Once finished with the assessment, students receive a "just right" placement level. All students completed their first diagnostic and now we are able to utilize the results to differentiate, individualized online and classroom instruction based on the skills that each student needs. We have attached your child's individual report.

During remote learning days, students will be assigned online instruction to support his or her learning/progress in mastering essential skills in reading and math. The online instruction is designed to be both challenging and engaging. iReady delivers instruction using engaging animation. Lessons are interactive for students. The result is an experience that attracts and holds your child's interest while also teaching important skills and concepts. The Online Instruction, if used for 45 minutes or more per subject, per week, has been proven to help students grow academically. Students can access iReady Instruction at home on any device! By logging on at home, your child will be able to share with you his or her progress so far this school year by looking at My Progress. As your child completes lessons, it is very important that he/she completes the lessons independently to the best of his/her ability. Teachers review data collected from student lessons to better serve your student academically. Lessons may or may not be on the student's grade level. Keep in mind that each student's lessons have been assigned based on a Diagnostic score, which provides targeted, online lessons for each student. These lessons allow students the opportunity to catch up or advance skills based on their own level.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! Classroom teachers look forward to sharing *i-Ready* information with you throughout the year. If you have any questions about *i-Ready*, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our academic directors. You can also learn more about *i-Ready* by visiting <u>i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter.</u>

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Sincerely,

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How to Start

- 1. Log in to iReady. https://login.i-ready.com/
- 2. Select subject. Choose either Reading or Math.
- 3. Start lesson: Click the green next lesson button under My Path or the blue lesson button under Teacher Assigned (may not be any blue buttons at times).
- 4. Family Center: Click on the top right to visit the iReady Family Center for additional information and answers to FAQs.

Discussing iReady Data with Your Student

- 1. My Progress: Ask your child to click on My Progress at the bottom of the home page. Ask; "How is iReady going?", "What are you learning about?", or "What are you working on?"
- 2. Lesson Stats; This section shows your child about their online lessons.
 - a. Time-on-Task: Look at the number of minutes your child has spent this week on Online Instruction. Ask; "Have you met your goal?"
 - b. Lessons Passed: Look at the total number of lessons your child has passed this school year. Ask; "What is your goal?" or "What are you proud of?"
- 3. Lesson Streak: See how many lessons your child has passed in a row. Congratulate them and ask about what they are learning.
- 4. Completed Work: Ask your child to click on Completed Work. You will see lesson names and quiz scores. Ask; "What did you learn in ____lesson?", "What did you enjoy?", "What did you find challenging?". You might also see your child's Diagnostic score.
- 5. My Stuff: Your child can change background theme and redeem points earned for interactive games.



