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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to share that OSM is implementing a **Mathematics and Reading** program 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. The purpose of this is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support their learning. All grades K-8 will be taking the ***i-Ready Diagnostic*** during the next 2 weeks. The ***Reading Diagnostic*** will be administered the week of **9/7-9/10**, and the ***Math Diagnostic*** will be administered the week of **9/13-9/17**.

***i-Ready Instruction*** provides students with lessons based on their individual strengths and areas for growth. These lessons are interactive and provide strategic supports to keep your child engaged as they learn.

### **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 they will get only about half of the questions correct.
- Be respectful of other students who take longer to finish.
- Use paper and pencil to show work for math questions.

To support your child's learning in **Online Instruction**, you can:

- Discuss your child's progress on their *i-Ready* lessons.
- Celebrate your child's learning and growth.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! I 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 me or the school. You can also learn more about *i-Ready* by visiting [i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter](https://i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter).

Sincerely,

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