



September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is pleased to inform you that students in Kindergarten through grade 5 will be using *i-Ready* for Reading. *i-Ready* is an online program that will help your student's teacher determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. The *i-Ready* platform consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts questions based on your child's responses. It is expected that your child will not be able to answer every question correctly. The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is untimed, but most students complete the assessment in 45-60 minutes.

The results of the *i-Ready Diagnostic* Assessment will be used by teachers and staff to implement and improve instructional practices and to set your child's online learning path for *i-Ready* Personalized Instruction. The purpose of this assessment is an instructional tool for teachers and no grade will be assigned.

Additional information is below for parents/guardians of students enrolled in virtual learning.

Your child will need your support by helping them select a quiet place to complete the assessment and removing all non-testing materials such as phones, textbooks, and notebooks to minimize distractions. Your child may also need your assistance with connecting to the *i-Ready* platform, which is accessed through Clever.

It is critical that your child take the assessment independently with no assistance provided on test questions. Please click on the links below to learn how you can encourage your child to do their best on the *i-Ready Diagnostic*.

[Family Guidance for Administering the Diagnostic at Home](#)

[Checklist for Administering the *i-Ready Diagnostic* At Home](#)

The i-ready diagnostic test will be administered at Heather Hills on the following dates:

- September 20, 2021 - Grade 3
- September 21, 2021 - Grade 5
- September 22, 2021 - Grade 4
- September 23, 2021 - Grade 2

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,
Nema Manuel
Principal