Dear Parent/Guardian:

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) has implemented the use of *i-Ready* for students in grades 3-5 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 first *i-Ready Diagnostic* Assessment was administered in the fall. The second *i-Ready Diagnostic* Assessment was administered in the winter. The window for administering the 3rd *Diagnostic* is April 19, 2021 thru May 7, 2021. 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 adjust 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.

Your child’s teacher will be communicating with you and your child to provide technological support, logistics, and steps on how to access the assessments.

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

*i-Ready Family Checklist*

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.

The *i-ready* assessment will be administered to students at Heather Hills on April 19 (Gr. 3) and April 20 (Gr. 4,5).

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child’s teacher.

Sincerely,

*Nema Manuel*

Principal