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Dear Richmond County School System Families,

As we kick off the 2024-2025 school year, we want to inform you about an important assessment your child(ren) will be taking. The i-Ready Diagnostic is an online test designed to help us track and enhance your child(ren)'s learning throughout the year. This assessment will be administered to students in grades K-5th and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade three times this year: in August 2024, December 2024, and again in April/May 2025, based on your child(ren)'s school testing schedule.

**What is the i-Ready Diagnostic?**

The i-Ready Diagnostic is an online assessment that takes place in the classroom. It allows us to gauge your child(ren)'s current performance in Mathematics and Reading, adjust instruction to meet their specific needs, monitor their progress, and plan targeted support to help them excel.

**How can you support your child(ren)?**

To help your child(ren) prepare for the i-Ready Diagnostic, please encourage them to:

- **Get a good night's sleep** and eat a nutritious breakfast on test day.
- **Do their best** on each question and take their time.
- **Stay calm** about questions they might not know; remind them the goal is to understand what they know, not to obtain a score or grade.
- **Be mindful** of classmates who may need more time to finish.
- **Use paper and pencil** for math problems if it helps them work through the questions.

**What happens after the assessment?**

We will provide updates on the assessment results and use them to adjust instruction to better support your child(ren). Celebrate growth and ask your child(ren) about their progress toward their goals. We also recommend that your child(ren) complete 2 i-Ready lessons in Reading and Mathematics each week to reinforce their learning. If you have any questions about i-Ready, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher. For more information, you can also visit [www.ireadycentral.com/Familycenter](http://www.ireadycentral.com/Familycenter).

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child(ren)'s education. If you have questions, please contact your child(ren)'s school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kinesha Ponder".

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