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Allen Families,

This is the time of the year that the school and district offer mid-year assessments to measure student academic progress. You may have noticed that your child has begun the Smarty Ants or Achieve 3000 Level Set this week.

Beginning January 11th, all students at Allen will be taking the i-Ready math mid-year diagnostic assessment. i-Ready allows your child's teacher to meet your child exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student's learning gains. This assessment usually takes about three days to complete. However, your child's teacher may space it out differently in order to support each child's learning needs.

Please make every effort not to coach or prompt your child on this assessment. Some questions may be easy while others may be tough. While it may be tempting to help your child with some of the problems they will see on the assessment, we need the test results to be an accurate reflection of what your child knows.

Remind your child to read directions and questions in their entirety, use paper and pencil to solve math problems if needed, and use the tools that appear at the bottom of the screen. The results will reveal what your child can do independently. Encourage your student to take each question seriously. Emphasize "thinking before clicking," because just clicking through will not be a productive use of their time nor reflect what your child actually knows. In order to help your child get re-energized, games may be embedded throughout the test, so don't be surprised if you see your child playing an engaging math game during his/her assessment time.

Here are some tips that will help your child be successful:

- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before taking the assessments
- Be sure your child eats a good breakfast the morning before taking the assessments
- Designate a quiet area for working, free of distractions
- Use headphones
- Encourage your child do their best and take their time without any coaching or guidance on answering questions from family members

Please contact your child's teacher or the school office at **(619) 479-3662** should you have any questions regarding this online assessment. We appreciate your support!

Thank you,

Mr. John Greenwell, M.S. Ed.
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