**Subject:** Time to take your i-Ready diagnostic assessment

This year we will be using a program called *i-Ready® Diagnostic & Instruction,* an innovative adaptive assessment and engaging personalized instruction program for reading and math. *i-Ready* will help us assess the needs of your child while monitoring their progress throughout the rest of the school year. It will also provide your child with an individualized Online Instruction based on their individual skill level. Please watch [this short, informative video](https://safeshare.tv/x/k2jR8hDtN5o) on why we are using i-Ready this year.

We would like to enlist your assistance in preparing your child for the first, very important assessment. By discussing the following points with your child, he or she will be more prepared, and the resulting information will be more valuable to you and us.

* Each subject matter assessment will take between two to four 45-minute sessions each to complete. There are two subjects: reading and math. We suggest setting a timer for 45 minutes (or 20 for younger students) and when it goes off, answer the question and log off. Come back in a couple of hours or the next day and do the same thing again.
* Try their best on each question and try not to rush. If the student moves too quickly through the assessment, the teacher will be notified and will call you and reset the test.
* Each assessment item that a student sees is individualized based on their answer to a previous question. This is what makes the assessment an “adaptive” one. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of answers that are incorrect will yield slightly easier questions.
* The assessment assumes that students will not know the answer to every question. Explain to your child that “it is OK” not to know every answer and that they should do their best on each question.
* Realize that this needs to be entirely their own work and not you helping them in any way. We want to see what ***they*** can do and not what they can do with your help.
* The results will provide us with an instructional assessment based on what your child “can do” and “the next steps for instruction.”
* Remind them that they will get assessment “breaks” that are integrated into the assessment
* Have paper and pencil handy for math questions for math
* Ensure headphones/speakers are working properly.
* **Troubleshooting Tip:** If you experience problems with i-Ready please run the system check to ensure that you have all the requirements to run i-Ready <http://content.i-ready.com/client/systemcheck/> .  The number for i-Ready support is 800-225-0248 hours are Mon-Thurs 6:30am-5pm MT Fri 6:30am-3pm.

**Let’s Get Started!**

**Here is your login information to get to your i-Ready tests:**

**Log in to** [**https://login.i-ready.com/**](https://login.i-ready.com/)

**Username is your student’s ID number**

**Password is utva**

**Choose Utah and hit Go!**

**You will need to select either reading or math to take first and begin! Good luck!**

**Both diagnostic assessments are due by Friday, August 25th.**

If you have any questions about *i-Ready* please do not hesitate to contact me or the school.