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Dear Parents,

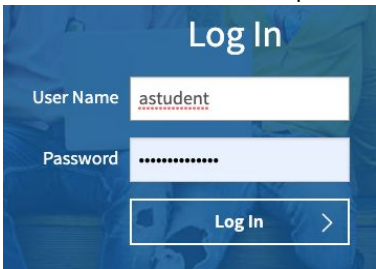

Our teachers work very hard to provide instruction that is unique for your student based on his or her academic strengths and areas for growth. One of the ways that teachers can determine which skills your student has already learned and what your student is ready to learn now is by checking for understanding regularly. Madison City Schools has partnered with Renaissance Place to provide STAR Reading and STAR Math formative assessments.

STAR is a computer adaptive assessment that identifies which skills/concepts a student is struggling with or excelling at, in order to drive future instruction. The assessment adapts, based on your child's response. For example, if a student is given a math problem and the student answers it correctly, the next problem will be a little more difficult. However, if a student gives an incorrect answer, the next problem will be less difficult. It is expected that there will be some questions that your student does not know how to answer, and students should not be upset when this happens.

Many of our students are familiar with these assessments, and it is very important that they take the assessments seriously, especially in light of how the COVID-19 quarantine during the spring semester interrupted face-to-face instruction. The encouragement that you provide to your student can make a big difference in their attitude toward this assessment and their understanding of why accurate data is so important. Teachers need to know what your student is able to do independently in reading and math, so teachers can help students reach their fullest potential.

The STAR Reading and Math tests have 34 items and generally takes 20-25 minutes to complete.

Login Steps - There are three ways that you can log in to Renaissance Place to take the assessments.

Through MCS Bookmarks	Through Clever	Through a Renaissance Place Link
1. Open Google Chrome, MCS Bookmarks, click on the Ren Place link. 2. Click I'm a Student. 3. Enter the student's username and password. 	1. Log in to Clever. 2. Select the Renaissance tile. 	Renaissance Place/STAR Reading & STAR Math



Select the appropriate tile for the test your student needs to take.

Verify the student's name is correct at the top of the screen and that the correct test name is shown. Students may need scratch paper for the math portion of the test. Please have some available prior to starting the test.

Do NOT click Start until the student is ready to begin the test.

