



# CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT

## EAST GREENWICH

### TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In September, we were pleased to offer families various i-Ready Classroom Mathematics parent sessions (virtual and in-person). The sessions were designed to help families engage with our new math resource for Beginners through Fifth Grade. Families learned how their students would engage with i-Ready in school and learned how they could help their children at home. These sessions were well attended, and we hope families left feeling more informed about this new core instruction resource. We have good news for those who could not participate. Zoom sessions were recorded and posted on the [Curriculum and Instruction website](#) (Math page). Please feel free to watch one of the recordings to learn more about your child's new instructional resource for math.

As we begin to use and implement this new resource in our district, we appreciate the partnership with our East Greenwich families. The district is finishing its fall diagnostic and has begun the initial lessons for the program. The fall diagnostic results will be sent home on October 18th. Our goal is to meet the needs of our students and staff. Training will continue to be provided to our staff members in phases, and we look forward to seeing how this successful implementation can evolve for our students.

While in our sessions, some questions were asked, and we would like to provide answers to all families to help everyone know our plan for using i-Ready. Below is a general FAQ for our current stage in the implementation process:

**What is i-Ready Classroom Mathematics?** This math resource is designed to help your student become a strong, independent mathematical thinker. It includes:



**How will I know what my child is learning in math?** The family letters will be sent home with students at the start of each lesson, about every five days. In this letter, you will see skills, concepts,



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and optional at-home activities. In the top corner, you will also see the suggested learning games that could be played on the digital platform.

**What is the diagnostic assessment?** The i-Ready Math Diagnostic is an adaptable assessment that tailors its questions to each student's unique learning needs. This personalized approach is not about assigning a grade but identifying the best ways to support your child's learning journey. It empowers your child's teacher(s) to understand their individual needs, personalize their learning, and track their progress throughout the academic year. Our district students will take the math diagnostic three times (beginning, middle, and end) per year.

**Will I be provided with my child's diagnostic assessment results?** Yes. After every grade level is finished, the district will provide a hard copy of the "For Families" report and tools for interpreting the information.

#### **What are the features of the digital platform?**

##### *Bookshelf, Tools, & Learning Games*

- *Bookshelf:* The bookshelf has the student textbook as a PDF. If your child forgets their homework, it can be printed at home. The textbook's "Family Resources" is at the top right corner. You can access videos on the lessons/units.
- *Tools:* The tools are digital manipulatives.
- *Learning Games:* The learning games are an excellent resource for additional home math fluency practice. The family letters suggest games for the current lesson.



##### *Digital Practice Opportunities within "To Do":*

- *My Path:* After completing the diagnostic, students will receive individualized lessons on "My Path." These lessons are differentiated, and their performance on the lessons will inform teacher decisions in the classrooms. It will also inform "their path." Currently, "My Path" lessons will only be completed in the school. We have carved out time in our instructional model to have students independently work on these lessons for 30-40 minutes weekly.
- *Teacher Assigned:* Teachers have the option to assign lessons to students. They will use their discretion to assign lessons for additional practice for students. As teachers become more



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familiar with these features and their reporting, they will communicate their expectations with students.



#### **How can I access i-Ready at home to check my child's progress or get access to the online features?**

Students in third through sixth grade bring their Chromebooks home each night. They have access to their clever badges, which support their access to the platform. For students in Beginners through second grade, parents can use <https://www.clever.com/>. Choose the “log in as a student” portal. Then, log in using your child’s Google credentials, and it will take you to the East Greenwich Clever Portal. The EGTSD Chromebook FAQ below provides guidance on their Google credentials, which is account name and password. Please read below.

**Account Name:** firstnamelastname@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us  
**Example:** janedoe@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us  
**Password:** “egsd” followed by the last 4 digits of the student ID (same as lunch code)  
**Example:** egsg1234

(Remember, please do not share passwords with other students)

**Are there family supports provided by i-Ready?** YES! The i-Ready Family Center is the place to learn how you can support and encourage your student’s success with i-Ready. There are endless resources at your fingertips. (<https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/>)

We look forward to our students' progress with our new math resource, i-Ready Classroom Mathematics. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, principal, or the office of curriculum and instruction.

Sincerely,

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