Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to share that Adler Elementary is implementing a **Mathematics and Reading** program called *i-Ready*. Below, you will find information about the program and how we will be using it in the classroom. **We will begin testing virtually on September 21 - October 23, 2020.**

**What is *i-Ready*?**

*i-Ready* is an online program that will help us determine your child’s strengths and areas for growth, personalize their learning, and monitor their progress throughout the school year. *i-Ready* allows us to meet your child where they are and provides us with data to inform instruction.

The***i-Ready Diagnostic***is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child’s needs. Each item a student receives is based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier ones. The purpose of this is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support their learning.

***i-Ready Instruction*** provides students with lessons based on their individual strengths and areas for growth. These lessons are interactive and provide strategic supports to keep your child engaged as they learn.

**What can I do to help?**

To help prepare your child for the ***i-Ready Diagnostic***, encourage them to:

* Get a good night’s sleep and eat a full breakfast the day of the assessment.
* Try their best on each question and try not to rush.
* For Mathematics, use paper and pencil to show work for math questions.
* Try not to worry about questions they do not know—remind them that it is expected they will only get about half of the questions correct.
* **DO NOT HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THE TEST; LET THEM SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW**

To support your child’s learning in **Online Instruction**, you can:

* Discuss your child’s progress on their *i-Ready* lessons.
* Celebrate your child’s learning and growth.
* Encourage them to use *i-Ready* at home.
  + They will need access to a computer or iPad, internet, and their login information. To check if your system meets *i-Ready* system requirements, please visit

[i-Ready.com/Support](http://i-ready.com/support/) to run a system check.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child’s learning! I look forward to sharing *i-Ready* information with you throughout the year. If you have any questions about *i-Ready,* please do not hesitate to contact me or the school. You can also learn more about

*i-Ready* by visiting [i-ReadyCentral.com/Family Center](http://www.i-readycentral.com/familycenter).

Sincerely,

**Alma Deane,**

**Principal**