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Dear Families,

One thing that remains constant in school is the need for current data on our students. Knowledge of where each of our students stand in terms of curriculum allows us to tailor our instruction to meet our students' needs. As a means to that end, Webutuck Elementary School and Eugene Brooks Intermediate School will be administering i-Ready assessments to all students in first through eighth grade starting next week. Of course, this year testing will be different because students will be doing all of their assessments from home. Teachers will go over how to log into i-Ready during their class times and will provide written directions on their Seesaw or google classroom page. Students in grades 5-8 will take the reading assessment on **Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22** and the math assessment on **Thursday and Friday, September 24 and 25** during their regularly scheduled Blend period. Students should report to Blend on zoom, as usual, so teachers can give instructions and take attendance, then they will log off zoom and take the assessment independently. Teachers will be available on zoom during that period to address any issues or questions. Any student who does not finish the reading assessment by the end of Blend on Tuesday should continue testing on Wednesday. Students in first through fourth grade will take the reading assessment on Wednesday, September 23 at a time that works for your family between 7AM and 8PM. They will take the math assessment between those hours on Wednesday, September 30. Teachers will let you know what hours they will be available on zoom those days for help if needed. Students in first through fourth grade need not complete the entire assessment in one seating. You can be the judge of when or if your child needs a break, but each test should be completed in one day.

i-Ready has prepared some valuable resources to help families with this testing process. This quick video explains a little more about the tests and the most important way parents can help their child.

<https://www.curriculumassociates.com/teaching-learning-2020/home-assessment-family-support>

This document provides even more information.

<https://www.curriculumassociates.com/-/media/mainsite/files/i-ready/iready-administering-the-iready-diagnostic-at-home-during-a-school-closure-2020.pdf>

Please be sure to provide your child with paper and a pencil during testing, and please do not help with answers. Testing is only useful when it shows us what a child does and does not know.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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