



## Penny Creek Elementary

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Dear Penny Creek Families:

Beginning next week, students in grade 1-5, will be taking the iReady diagnostic assessment in math and reading. This assessment is an especially useful tool for us this year for a few reasons. First, it is a research-based assessment that aligns well with our state assessment and can help us gauge student progress toward standards. Second, we can use the information obtained from the iReady diagnostic tests to plan instruction at a “just right” level for each student. This is important because we know from research that if students receive instruction that is too far above or below their level, learning progress can be slowed down.

To assure we obtain reliable data on student performance, we ask that, as much as possible, students have a calm area in which to take the test. We also ask that they are allowed to test completely on their own so we find their just right place for learning in the year ahead. Of course, if technology questions arise, or questions about how to navigate iReady, your child’s teacher will be there to help.

We will administer the test between 9:15 and 12:15 each morning over the next two weeks, starting Monday, September 21. For your information, iReady will not be accessible outside of the testing period. Teachers will either proctor the assessment live via zoom or hold “office hours” via Zoom so that students can login and ask questions and receive help from their teacher.

For more information, follow this link. <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/29542> Also, you can reach out to your teacher or me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Marti Shefveland