



Istation

Dear Parents,

This year your child is reading in all areas of our school curriculum. Because we understand that reading is a key to success in school, we will monitor your child's progress using Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™) Early Reading assessment.

We have selected the Istation program because ISIP Early Reading:

- measures the skills that are **most predictive of future reading success**
- **measures progress** in each area in a manner that is appropriate to the domain
- provides a **comprehensive snapshot** of reading ability
- engages the student with **animated, game-like activities**

ISIP Early Reading is a computer-adaptive assessment. Your child receives items based on his or her individual ability. Every item presented is based on the response to the previous item.

The ISIP Reading assessments immediately deliver reports to us that show your child's reading progress and identify instructional needs. With the information from these reports, your child will receive individualized instruction to target those areas for improvement.

Istation helps to identify student ability in these key areas:

- **Phonological and Phonemic Awareness** (rhyme; initial, middle and final sounds; segmenting and blending sounds)
- **Phonics** (letter knowledge, alphabetic decoding, spelling)
- **Vocabulary** (academic words in the language)
- **Comprehension** (listening/language comprehension, reading comprehension)
- **Fluency** (accuracy and rate, monitoring for comprehension)

In addition, at the conclusion of each reading assessment period, I will inform you of your child's successes during that period. We are committed to working with your child on critical reading skills until he or she is reading on grade level.

With our commitment and your help, we truly believe that your child will reach his or her full reading potential!

Sincerely,

