

# Sunnycrest Elementary

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Dear Parents:



Over the course of the next two weeks 1st-5th grade students will be taking the i-Ready diagnostic tests in reading and math. The i-Ready diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your student's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. Students begin the first diagnostic with an item one grade level below their actual grade. As students answer correctly or incorrectly, the diagnostic adapts to more challenging or less challenging items. The diagnostic continues to adapt based on the student's responses. They will get about 50% of items correct and 50% incorrect. i-Ready generates an overall performance level for each student in reading and in math. The information the diagnostic gathers from this process allows i-Ready to pinpoint where and why students are struggling. This helps your child's teacher provide instruction that is just right for your child!

**Here is how it will work:** On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week during your child's literacy learning block, the teacher will briefly meet live with the class to provide directions and encouragement. Then the students will log off and start the diagnostic test. While they are working the teacher will stay online in Google Meets. If a student has a question they can log on and have the teacher available. We only want students working 15-30 minutes on the diagnostic each day depending on age and their work rate. **If your student is not available during the live session s/he can work on the diagnostic at any time.**

The week of Sept. 28th—Oct. 2nd we will do the same procedure with the math diagnostic test.

**How can I help?** While we know you want to help and support your child, it is very important that you don't guide your child during this assessment. Your child's personal learning pathway is being created during the assessment, so outside help will skew your child's results and thus make the personalized pathway ineffective.

**Encourage your child to do their best.** Remind them that the assessment will get harder, and that they will not know all the answers, and that's ok! Remind them that this is not an activity that they will know all the answers.

**Also please check out these resources:**

- [Video](#)
- [Fast facts](#)
- [iReady Tips for Your Fridge](#)
- [iReady Supportive Phrases](#)
- i-Ready also has a [website](#) that provides answers to a lot of frequently asked questions. .

## Home Schooling?

**I feel your pain.** When my kids were little my wife and I would try to encourage them with their homework. Despite the fact that my wife and I were both teachers, in our kids eyes, we didn't know anything! "That isn't the way Mrs. Howell showed us!" Now, there a few different reasons why we were greeted with a response like that.

First of all, they were right, our ideas may have been different than Mrs. Howell. That doesn't mean that the ideas were wrong. We would respond with, "Well, show me how Mrs. Howell does it." **The great thing about this response is it takes the onus off us and puts it back on them to show their learning.** Then to extend their thinking if we were able to show how the two different ways have similarities, it made the learning even better.

Second, when that stated that my wife and I didn't know what we were talking about when it came to school, it was because our kids were trying to develop their independence. School was their domain and they weren't always welcoming to what they saw as our interference. **This one is very challenging for you right now.** In these days of COVID, with most students at home, it is exponentially more difficult for them to find this independence. But it still can be developed. School is their job. If you are working from home they can see your responsibility towards your job and the way you model as you go about your work. You can talk with them about how you handle your responsibilities (to do lists, schedules, calendar, reminders, doing first things first) and have them develop a system too.

Third, sometimes they would act as if they didn't know what to do or would argue on how we would do it because they were just avoiding the work or trying to get us to do it! **It's ingenious!** But remember, my wife and I were both teachers. We knew that

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it was highly unlikely that their teachers would assign them something to do independently that they didn't know how to do. So we would ask them to start small and tell us what parts they could do. If all else failed we would tell them to not worry about it today and to ask their teacher tomorrow. **If you run into a situation like that where nothing seems to work, feel free to let them contact their teacher for help the next day.**

**Hopefully you feel our pain as well.** None of us chose this situation. We would all prefer to have our students at school. While teaching students is not an easy job it is so less challenging in person. My staff is working extremely hard to do the best for our kids that they can, given the circumstances. It is important for all of us to keep the lines of communication open and positive, and to work together to make the best of this situation. We can get through this together while working to create a positive and enriching learning environment for our children. We appreciate all you are doing on your end. We know it is not easy. Thank you for your grace, patience and perseverance.

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## Library Books Curbside Pick Up

**Our library is providing curbside pickup starting September 22nd.** Here are the steps to get your books:

1. You can use this [form](#) to select the books you want.
2. Wait until the next available pickup date:

### Pick up days and times:

Tuesdays 1-3 PM  
Wednesdays 3-6 PM  
Thursdays 1-3 PM

**Book orders placed after 11am will be ready the next available pick up day.**

3. Come to the outside library door, ring the doorbell, and we will bring out your book order!



## Sunnycrest MOD Pizza Day/Night Sunday, Oct. 11th

**Place your curbside pick up order and mention Sunnycrest. The Sunnycrest PTA will get part of the proceeds. Support your PTA and enjoy pizza! Then watch the Seahawks on Sunday Night Football!**

## Upcoming Events



9/21 - 9/25 iReady Reading Diagnostic Test  
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri during literacy block

9/28 - 10/2 iReady Math Diagnostic Test  
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri during math block

10/9 Learning Improvement Day  
No School—No Assignments  
Teachers will be receiving training

10/11 MOD Pizza Day/Night for Sunnycrest  
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## Chromebooks

Even if your family already has another type of device it may be easier if your student has a district Chromebook. You can contact tech support ([techsupport@lkstevens.wednet.edu](mailto:techsupport@lkstevens.wednet.edu)) and arrange for a time to pick one up. Here are the directions:

1. In the email provide your child's first and last name and their six digit student number.
2. Provide a date and time Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM—3:30 PM that would work for you.
3. If other times or arrangements need to be made please let us know.
4. Come to LSHS at your time. Do not go to the main office. We are in Room 132 North Hall (Building 100).
5. The entrance is off 30th st. The Blue arrow on the map points to room 132.
6. There are parking spots in front of the room.

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Please do not just show up. Come at your assigned time for social distancing purposes. Thank you!

