

Dear Families,

We are excited to share some upcoming changes at our school that we believe will greatly enhance our students' learning experiences. Starting this academic year, we will be transitioning from NWEA MAP test to the iReady Diagnostic Assessment, and we will also be implementing Bridges in Mathematics as our new math curriculum resource for K5-5th grades.

iReady testing offers several benefits that will greatly benefit our students and the broader school community. The assessments are designed to be more adaptive and provide a deeper insight into each student's strengths and areas for growth. This means we can tailor instruction more effectively to meet individual student needs.

Students in K5-8th grade will take the iReady Diagnostic Assessment three times a year: September, January, and May. After each testing period, we will share the results with you. The iReady results are more intuitive and easier to understand for all stakeholders, including parents. This will help you stay informed about your child's progress and work more collaboratively with teachers to support their learning. To learn more about the iReady Diagnostic Assessment, visit the iReady family center website: [i-Ready Central Resources | Family Center – FAQs](#)

We are also thrilled to announce the full implementation of Bridges in Mathematics as our math curriculum resource for K5-5th grades. Bridges in Mathematics is a comprehensive program that blends direct instruction, structured investigation, and open exploration to develop students' deep understanding of mathematical concepts. We believe this program will significantly enhance our students' math skills and foster a love for learning.

Our decision to adopt Bridges in Mathematics was based on extensive research, including pilot programs in our K5, 1st, and 5th grades, and multiple visits to both public and private schools that are currently using Bridges. The feedback from these pilots and visits was overwhelmingly positive, with noticeable improvements in student engagement and understanding of math concepts. You can learn more about what Bridges in Mathematics has to offer by visiting their family support website: [Bridges Second Edition Family Support | The Math Learning Center](#)

To help you get acquainted with Bridges in Mathematics and understand how it will benefit your child, we will be hosting a Family Night in October. This event will provide an opportunity for you to learn more about the curriculum and how you can support your child's math education at home. **Keep an eye out for the October Math Family Night date!**

We are confident that these changes will positively impact our students and look forward to seeing the benefits unfold throughout the year. Once the first round of iReady tests is complete, we will be sharing more detailed information with you to help you understand the results and how we will use them to support your child's education.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Erika Mogilevsky at [mogilevskye@smps.school](mailto:mogilevskye@smps.school).

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