

Tacos, Technology, and Testing

Third Grade Classroom
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Amira



AMIRA

- ❖ Amira Learning is like a smart, friendly reading coach that listens, helps, and encourages your child as they learn to read
- ❖ When kids read out loud to Amira, the program listens carefully, just like a teacher would.
- ❖ It notices when they struggle with a word, reads too slowly, or skips something.
- ❖ Then, right away, Amira gives helpful feedback —encouraging the child, helping them sound out words, or asking them to try again.

Benefits of Amira

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- A decorative image on the left side of the slide featuring several tacos filled with dark meat, red and yellow vegetables, and cheese, garnished with fresh jalapeños and cilantro leaves.
- ❖ **Personalized Support:**
 - Every child reads at a different level. Amira adjusts to your child's needs, giving practice that's just right for them.
 - ❖ **Builds Confidence:**
 - Kids get immediate encouragement and support, which helps them feel more confident as readers.
 - ❖ **Extra Practice at Home:**
 - Amira gives your child more time to practice reading, even outside of school, without needing a parent or teacher to be there every second to monitor.
 - ❖ **Strengthens Reading Skills:**
 - The program helps with sounding out words, reading smoothly, and understanding what's read, which are all important parts of becoming a strong reader.
 - ❖ **Teacher Partner:**
 - Amira shares information with teachers so they know exactly where your child is doing well and where they need a little more help.

How to Access Amira

You Try!

- 1) Login to dashboard
- 2) Click on Clever
- 3) Select your students teachers page
- 4) Click the Amira Learning Logo
- 5) Explore!

The background of the slide features a vibrant yellow surface with several tacos. The tacos are filled with dark meat, red tomatoes, and green jalapeños. A light blue rectangular box is overlaid on the bottom left, containing a large white timer reading '4:00'. Below the timer is a stylized yellow pencil with a pink eraser and a purple band.

4:00

Amira at home

- ❖ Students can access Amira Tutor (not lessons) from home!
 - Goal: Six books read per week
- ❖ Suggestion: Use it during dinner prep
 - While you're cooking, have your child read a story on AMIRA.



iReady



- ❖ i-Ready is an online program that helps students grow in reading and math.
 - It's not just another set of worksheets... it's more like a learning coach on the computer.
- ❖ The program gives your child short lessons that match exactly what they need to practice, based on their current skill level and the results from their diagnostic assessment.
- ❖ Teachers also use i -Ready to see where each student is excelling and where they might need extra support, so learning can be more personalized in the classroom
 - Small Group Instruction

Benefits of iready

- ❖ **Personalized Lesson:**
 - i-Ready adjusts to your child's level, giving them practice that's not too easy and not too hard
- ❖ **Builds Confidence:**
 - Kids can learn at their own pace and celebrate progress along the way.
- ❖ **Supports Teachers:**
 - i-Ready gives teachers detailed information about your child's strengths and areas to work on, so classroom instruction is more targeted to them and their needs.
- ❖ **Engaging Practice:**
 - Lessons use visuals, activities, and interactive tools to keep kids interested.
- ❖ **Progress Tracking:**
 - Parents and teachers can see how students are improving over time.



How to access Iready

You Try!

- 1) Login to dashboard
- 2) Scroll down and click the iReady Logo
- 3) Explore either reading or math!



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Ready expectations

- ❖ Students are expected to have 45 minutes in both reading and math every week
- ❖ Students are also expected to pass 2 lessons with an 80% or higher in both reading and math every week.

Epic!



- ❖ Epic Reading is a digital library made just for kids.
- ❖ It's like having thousands of books, audiobooks, and learning videos all in one safe online space.
- ❖ Children can choose what interests them
 - Adventure stories, science books, comics, or even “read -to-me” books where the computer reads the story out loud.

Benefits of Epic!

- ❖ Thousands of Choices:
 - Kids can explore fiction, nonfiction, audiobooks, and videos —helping them find books they *want* to read.
- ❖ Encourages a Love of Reading:
 - Because children pick topics they're excited about, they often read more.
- ❖ Supports Different Reading Levels:
 - With options like “read -to-me” and audiobooks, even struggling readers can enjoy books.
- ❖ Safe & Kid -Friendly:
 - Epic is designed just for children, so parents and teachers can feel comfortable letting kids explore freely.



A little taste of Epic Reading



MAP Growth



- ❖ MAP Growth is an assessment that helps teachers understand what your child knows and what they are ready to learn next in reading and math.
 - Unlike traditional tests that just give a score or grade, MAP Growth adjusts to each student
 - If your child answers a question correctly, the next one may be a little harder; if they get it wrong, the next one will be a bit easier.
- ❖ This way, it shows a clear picture of your child's individual learning level, no matter if they are working above or below grade level.

Benefits of MAP Growth

- ❖ **Personalized Information:**
 - Helps teachers see exactly where your child is in their learning journey, not just how they compare to classmates.
- ❖ **Guides Instruction:**
 - Teachers use MAP Growth results to adjust lessons and give your child the right kind of support and challenge.
- ❖ **Measures Growth Over Time:**
 - It tracks progress across the school year, so parents and teachers can celebrate growth and see where more practice is needed.
- ❖ **Supports Every Learner:**
 - Whether your child needs extra help or is ready for more advanced work, MAP Growth helps identify that.
- ❖ **Builds a Stronger School -to -Home Connection:**
 - Parents can better understand their child's strengths and learning needs.



Munch on Map

How MAP Growth works



MAP at SHES

- ❖ MAP Growth is given twice a year
 - Fall and winter
- ❖ Students are aware of their MAP Growth goals (or should be)
- ❖ Encourage students to do their best.
- ❖ Have them get a good night's rest the night before, eat a good breakfast the morning of, and **ROCK THE TEST!**



Understanding MAP Growth Scores

When your child takes the MAP Growth test, you'll usually see two main pieces of information:

❖ RIT Score (Rasch Unit Score):

- This is like your child's "learning level."
- The RIT score doesn't match a grade level —it's more like a scale that shows where your child is on their learning path.
- Higher scores mean more advanced skills.
 - Think of it like a yardstick: the number shows where your child is now, and future tests show how much they've grown.

❖ Percentile Ranking:

- This tells you how your child is doing compared to other students their same age and grade nationwide.
- For example:
 - 50th percentile = right in the middle (about average).
 - Above 50th = ahead of many peers.
 - Below 50th = behind many peers, which may mean they need extra support



How Parents Can Use the MAP Scores

- ❖ Look for Growth Over Time:
 - The most important part isn't the exact number... it's whether your child's RIT score goes up from fall to winter. Growth means progress!
- ❖ Focus on Strengths & Needs:
 - MAP reports often show what skills your child is ready to learn next. This helps parents know where to give extra support at home.
- ❖ Ask the Teacher:
 - Teachers use MAP scores to plan lessons. Parents can ask, *"What skills is my child ready to work on now?"* or *"How can I help at home?"*
- ❖ Don't Compare Too Much:
 - Every child's learning journey is different. MAP is about growth, not competition.



Share out moment

- ❖ Which resource is your favorite, and why?
- ❖ Which resource are you excited about using at home with your student?
- ❖ Are there any lingering questions that I did not already answer?



Event Survey

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