



Dear Parents & Families,

One of the pillars of our school's academic model is our blended learning program. Blended learning is an approach to teaching that combines traditional whole-class direct instruction with individual technology-based learning and frequent small group or one-on-one support. Blended learning is an amazing opportunity to provide every student with a rigorous, high quality, personalized education experience that meets each student's individual and unique needs, level and pace of learning.

What can a parent or guardian expect about their child's experience at school this year?

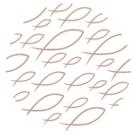
Technology: Students will use [insert school-specific devices] to access personalized online learning tools during portions of their reading and math classes. This means that your child will be working on lessons and practicing skills on a pathway or at a level designed specifically to help them where they need it and to push them to higher levels when ready.

Data-informed instruction: Teachers will have an increased ability and extra tools to monitor student performance and growth throughout the year and incorporate reports from online content providers with their own assessments to make strategic instructional choices in their classroom. This helps students be prepared for high-stakes testing and, ultimately, college and career readiness.

Small groups: In addition to personalized online instruction, blended learning rotations allow teachers to work with students in smaller groups. Teachers and students can build deeper and more personal relationships in smaller groups and teachers can use data from online learning to ensure every student has a deep understanding and mastery of all standards and topics.

Progress tracking: Throughout the year, your child's teacher will be sending home information to show you how your student is growing and progressing. Be on the lookout for these progress reports and talk to your student about the hard work he/she is doing on the computers every day. We want our students to understand that hard work pays off!

Celebrating growth: This year, we will be celebrating student growth and hard work every day, week, and month! If you are working hard, then you are growing. At the end of each month, we'll hold a *champion ceremony* to celebrate hard work in reading and math! We would love for you to join us and help celebrate our students!



An overview of the specific online content providers your student will be using this year is below. Your student uses **CONTENT PROVIDER** for math online learning and **CONTENT PROVIDER** for reading online learning. Both of these programs are found on your child's Clever portal:

Math	Reading
<p><i>MATH CONTENT PROVIDER DESCRIPTION HERE</i></p> <p><i>See pages 3-4 for sample descriptions</i></p>	<p><i>READING CONTENT PROVIDER DESCRIPTION HERE</i></p> <p><i>See Pages 3-4 for sample descriptions</i></p>

Sincerely,



Reading content provider descriptions

Lexia

Lexia is a language arts program that provides students with activities based on their individual skill level. It is individualized so your child can learn at a pace and skill level that is just right for them. Lexia develops reading skills in six key areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. As students progress through each level, the material gets more advanced.

Reading Plus

Reading Plus is a program designed to help students become better readers. While working in Reading Plus, your child will select articles interesting to them that help develop new vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. Reading Plus also helps build your child's silent reading fluency. It teaches students how to focus on what they are reading and comprehend more naturally.

Achieve 3000

Achieve 3000 is a program designed to help students become better readers. While working in Achieve3000, your child will select or be assigned informational texts that help them develop critical reading and comprehension skills. While reading articles, students should highlight and retain key information and answer a series of comprehension questions at the end. It often helps students to take notes on paper while reading.

iReady

iReady provides students with lessons in Reading and Math based on their individual skill level so your child can learn at a pace that is just right for them. iReady engages students with both direct instruction and individual practice. Students can receive lessons from their adaptive pathway or from their teacher. If you see your child do the same lesson twice, this means they struggled the first time! I recommend that students use paper to show work and take notes to help them find success on the first try!



Math content provider descriptions

Imagine Math

Imagine Math provides students with grade-level and supportive lessons broken into five different sections. This program requires students to think critically and work slowly. When in need of assistance, students are able to message with a live, state-certified math teacher that can help in real-time. I recommend that students always have a pencil and paper to show work and take notes! If your child is struggling, they might benefit from watching a Khan Academy tutorial on the topic.

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Exact Path

Exact Path promotes academic growth by providing students with an individualized playlist of curriculum that personalizes the learning experience. Students complete lessons on four skills before taking a mastery check and starting on to a new unit. I recommend that students have paper and pencil with them to solve the problems and take notes. I also have the ability to assign lessons to students if I see that they are struggling.

Zearn

Zearn is a math program through which students receive targeted lessons or “missions” aligned both to their grade level curriculum and individualized skill needs. Lessons include a variety of math fluency warm-ups that promote general number sense and lesson-specific skills, as well as guided practice with interactive video lessons followed by independent practice and assessments (The Tower of Power).