Dear Parents,

I-Station is an interactive program used at school that targets the four areas of reading instruction - comprehension, vocabulary, text fluency (timed accuracy) , and word analysis (spelling). Students are given an individualized test called the ISIP each month at school, and based on their performance, they are placed into tiers.

All students are at least on Tier 1. An email will be sent following this initial contact if a student is on Tier 2 or 3. If you do not receive an email or phone call, your child is Tier 1. Keep in mind that this tier may change each month based on the ISIP performance.

The following is the requirement for weekly I-Station home practice.

* **Tier 1: 30 minutes 1x/week = 30 minutes**
* **Tier 2: 30 minutes 2x/week = 60 minutes**
* **Tier 3: 30 minutes 3x/week = 90 minutes**

Students can access I-Station via their iPads at home. They have log on info stapled inside their purple folders &/or they took a picture of it. ***Because these tiered homework minutes serve as crucial intervention tools, it is imperative the environment be free from distraction. It is best if the TV is off and the whole 30-minute block of time is uninterrupted.***

You will be able to monitor your child’s tier and how many minutes he/she has been on I-Station by accessing the parent portal and using your child’s log on information. Click on the link below for instructions. Although I would encourage you to download this home resource, it’s not required since students have iPad access. <https://www.istation.com/istationhome>

Thank you for helping in your child’s reading success! This practice time can count toward his/her weekly reading routine.  Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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