

Garden City Elementary School



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Why are we doing this?

AMIRA

As you know, reading is a critically important skill. Research shows that children have the best chance to succeed when they become good readers before the end of 3rd grade. So, we are excited to tell you about *Amira Learning*, the solution we've chosen to help our students improve their skills and become good readers.

How does Amira Learning help your child?

Amira Learning helps students become better readers in two ways:

1. Assessing students and giving us information about what skills students are ready to learn next.
2. Listening to students read out loud 1:1, so they get the important reading practice they need to improve.

What makes *Amira Learning* special is that the software doesn't just listen to early readers, it also recognizes what students do well and identifies when they make mistakes.

Amira Learning (the digital teacher) is classroom-tested and always learning, providing valuable insights to you and the teacher. Within the practice portion of *Amira*, *Amira* identifies learning moments, and provides immediate scaffolded help to the student in the moment when a reading miscue occurs.

What benefits does the software deliver? In classroom research conducted by Carnegie Mellon University, DePaul University, the University of British Columbia and other leading universities, children working with a software tutor have shown significant increases in reading growth. More specifically, students have been able to increase their vocabulary, build comprehension skills and improve their ability to decode print into the sounds of a word. You can find out more about the outstanding results at Amiralearning.com/Amira-research



i-Ready is an interactive online learning program that helps students build essential skills in reading and mathematics.

i-Ready starts with a diagnostic test that identifies the specific skills each student needs to develop and measures academic growth through the school year. It also provides students with personalized online instruction and gives teachers guidance on how they can best support the needs of each and every student.

i-Ready encourages students to take ownership of their learning. Students get real-time feedback, see motivating messages, and earn credits after completing lessons that they can use to get rewards, such as games. i-Ready's engaging environment draws students in right away and gets students of all ages excited about learning.

How can I help my child get the most out of i-Ready?

- Speak with your child about how using i-Ready will help him or her prepare for class work. Also explain that i-Ready will show teachers where your child is doing well, and which topics need some more review.
- Encourage your child to take each lesson and test question seriously. Emphasize "thinking before clicking," because just clicking through will not give teachers an accurate report of what your child knows and is able to do.
- Help your child identify and become familiar with the different parts of the student dashboard.
- Encourage your child to use the tools that will appear at the bottom of the screen in some lessons.
- Discuss your child's results by looking at "My Progress" together to see the number of lessons your child has completed in i-Ready and the percentage of questions your child answered correctly in the quiz at the end of each lesson.
- Contact your child's teacher about how often your child should practice at home, or with any other questions about i-Ready