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Hello Parents,

We are excited to present the Summer Math Practice Incentive Program! Read through the information below and use the appropriate Tracking Sheet to track your student's progress.

How it Works:

Your child has been enrolled in a math goal to work on over the summer. Students were emailed a username and password to log in at the edreadymontana.org website in the upper right hand corner. That email was sent to them at their Billings Public Schools email account. Once students have logged in, they will click on their goal and begin their Initial Diagnostic. The diagnostic will assess them on math skills at their level. Once a student has finished their Initial Diagnostic, the program will build a study path based on where the student's gaps are in math. Your child will work through the study path by using the resources (Khan Academy, Hippocampus videos, a built-in text book, etc) to learn the material. When a student feels that they can master the material, they will test their knowledge. They can watch their score increase as they master more concepts. As your child masters each topic, you will mark it off on their tracking sheet. Tracking sheets will be turned in at the beginning of the school year for incentives and prizes for participation!

Tips for Success:

Math programs like EdReady need to be used as expected for best results. We need your help to make sure students are **doing more than just clicking**...they need to be learning and doing the math. The following basic guidelines should help you and the students get the most out of the program:

- Students should have a scratch paper and pencil out whenever they are working in EdReady.
- If students fail to complete a mastery test once they should use the study resources, take notes and show work on the practice problems before retaking the tests. Feel free to use the attached headings to help them take notes on their own as they proceed.
- Calculators, siblings, friends and other life-lines should be avoided unless they are to discuss the math or check work during practice assignments only.
- Mastery tests should be the student doing their own work and showing what they've learned.

Several resources can be found on the edreadymontana.org web page under the Educators-Classroom Resources tab. These resources have been created by MT teachers for different uses by students. Resources include note taking sheets, goal sheets, math notebook templates, etc. Feel free to download and use these resources as needed.

If you need assistance, have questions, or if your child completes one goal and needs to be enrolled in another, please contact Virg Hale, at 406.660.1512 or virg.hale@montanadigitalacademy.org, or use the HELP ticket on the main page of the EdReadymontana.org website.

Remember that the EdReady Montana math program is free to ALL math learners in the state! If you are interested in signing up as an individual learning, go to edreadymontana.org, click on the Students and Parents tab, and How to Sign Up Individually. Follow the steps to get started!

Enjoy your summer, and Math On!

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