



Dear Family,

We have begun using a new digital early literacy solution called Amira Learning to support your scholar's reading development.

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 first grade. As a result, the Elementary English Language Arts Department of Clayton County Public Schools is excited to implement Amira Learning, a solution to help our scholars improve their skills and become proficient readers. We believe that every child deserves to be a proficient reader. How does Amira Learning help your child?

Amira Learning helps scholars become better readers in three ways:

1. Assesses scholars and provides educators information that identifies the skills scholars need to develop.
2. Listens and records scholars individually as they read stories aloud.
3. Provides immediate feedback and practice opportunities when scholars make errors as they read aloud.

The research of Amira Learning highlights when scholars engage with Amira as a reading tutor, significant increases in reading growth occur. More specifically, scholars have been able to grow 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

A few important things you should know:

- Scholars will engage with Amira for 45 minutes weekly through multiple small-group sessions ranging from 10 to 15-minute increments.
- Scholars who utilize Amira at home must have a quiet reading environment to ensure Amira is recording the read-aloud appropriately. The scholar is the only reader who should engage with Amira.
- Teachers will review recordings to monitor and ensure scholars are engaging in their 1:1 tutoring sessions with Amira.
- A parent report is available through the classroom teacher to provide additional at-home activities, benchmark assessment scores, and information regarding scholars' reading levels during practice sessions.
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