

Fridge Tips for Using *i-Ready* During School Closures

To Maximize Their Learning

1. **Make a weekly learning plan** and write it down or print it out where everyone can see it. Start with the work their teachers have assigned*, and decide with your child when, where and how they'll complete it—be as specific or general as makes sense for you.
2. **Create a structure** around each lesson, using any or all of these elements:
 - **Before** the lesson, ask your child to tell you or write down what they think they will learn or what they may already know about the topic.
 - **During** the lesson, ask your child to write down what they are learning, take notes on the content, or show their work as appropriate.
 - **After** the lesson, ask your child to tell you or write down what they learned and whether it was different from what they expected to learn.
3. **Review the lessons they've passed** in the My Progress screen—if they're passing at least 7 out of 10 of every lesson, that's a great sign. Discuss any problem areas with them, and communicate with their teacher if you think they need more help.

To Keep Them Engaged

1. **Connect your child's learning to their interests**, neighborhood, or family when possible. Making connections like this is one of the most powerful ways to make learning stick.
2. **Let your child use *i-Ready* when and where they feel most focused**. Some students like to "get in the zone" for up to an hour, while others learn best in smaller, more widely spaced chunks of time.
3. **Celebrate and reward hard work as well as success!** If your child's teacher has a classroom ritual for celebrating progress, like putting a marble in a jar for each lesson passed, see if there is something similar you can put in place at home.

To Avoid Frustration

1. **Just like your child, you don't need to have all the answers!** Keep talking, ask lots of questions, and enjoy the conversation!
2. **Remind your child that mistakes are part of learning.** Applaud them when they stick with it. *i-Ready* can be challenging, but if your child doesn't pass a lesson at first, remind them that they will have a chance to take it again. Encourage them to take their time, ask questions and write things down.
3. **Stay connected** by sharing your child's progress with their teachers, using any methods available (email, text, Google Classroom, etc.), and talk to other families about what's working for them.

*Your teacher may have provided you a target number of weekly *i-Ready* minutes for your child. If not, we've increased our recommendation to a maximum of 90 minutes per subject per week, given these extraordinary circumstances. You can see your child's weekly minutes spent on *i-Ready* lessons on the My Progress screen.