**STAAR Readiness 2-5 Parent Letter**

**Why send a letter to parents?**

Encouraging use of *STAAR Readiness* outside of school gives students more time to solve problems. While teachers may wish to ensure diagnostic and assessment assignments are finished during class time, students can make progress on practice assignments or the *TEKS Tracker* outside of school. Students are able to access the programon computers and tablets with an internet connection.

**When to use this resource**

After teachers have established expectations for using *STAAR Readiness* in the classroom, it’s a good idea to involve parents and encourage time online outside of school!

**What the parent letter includes**

This letter includes information on what *STAAR Readiness* is, why it’s beneficial for students to work on the program outside of school and how to access the program on computers and tablets. Teachers can provide student login information, specific expectations for student work outside of school, and describe how parents can contribute to class goals*.*

**How to use this resource**

Teachers can download and customize this letter before sending it to parents.

Don’t forget to provide parents with their child’s login information! Student login information can be referenced in the teacher account by selecting **Menu** and **Print Login Cards**. This information can be handwritten, copied and pasted, or printed and stapled to the letters.

As a Word document, sections can be edited to meet the needs of the teacher. Any words that are highlighted in yellow need to be rewritten or deleted before sending to parents.

# Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of our math instruction, your child will be using Reasoning Mind’s *STAAR Readiness* online program. I’ve included information below on how you can access this program from home and support your child’s learning. If you have any questions, please contact me!

<Name of Teacher>

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**What is *STAAR Readiness*?**

*STAAR Readiness* is an engaging online mathematics program for grades 3-5. It provides customized lessons and practice problems on the same topics we are learning in class. For any problem that your child misses, the program will explain how to solve it step-by-step like a personal tutor.

**What are the benefits to working on *STAAR Readiness* outside of school?**

Your child will have additional time to practice the material we’re learning in class, and I will review the work your child does on the program outside of class. This extended, supported learning time can improve your child’s math skills!

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| **How can we use *STAAR Readiness*?** |  |
| This program works on computers and tablets with internet access and is accessible to your child 24/7. On computers, go to *my.reasoningmind.*org and enter the login and password to the right. For tablet use, install the app by opening *app.reasoningmind.org* in a web browser and following the instructions.  Ask your child to show you around the program. Have them show you what they’re working on during school, check their scores in *My Place*, or spend some points together in the *Shopping Mall!* | **Student:** |
| **Login:** |
| **Password:** |

**How do I support my child’s learning in *STAAR Readiness?***

Your child will have access to assignments I’ve created and problem sets organized by topic. The program may automatically direct students into specific assignments or modes. Communicate expectations for out of school use. Consider: Will you assign homework time/assignments? Will *TEKS Tracker* work be student choice or teacher directed? What are your expectations for working on assignments?

Review all student inputs, including their responses to the solutions provided after incorrect answers.

You can support your child in reaching our classroom goals by… Consider: Through the student account, parents can view daily or 2-week accuracy, # of correct problems, streak, points, and TEKS mastery stars.

Estimados padres o tutores,

Como parte de la instrucción matemáticas de nuestra clase, su hijo/a usará un programa en línea que se llama STAAR Readiness de Reasoning Mind. Hay información abajo sobre acceder este programa en casa y como puede Ud. apoyar el aprendizaje de su hijo/a. Si tiene alguna pregunta, ¡favor de contactarme!

<Nombre de maestro/a>

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***¿Qué es STAAR Readiness?***

STAAR Readiness es un programa en línea de matemáticas por grados 2 a 5. Proporciona lecciones personalizadas y práctica adicional sobre los tópicos que aprendemos en la clase de matemáticas. Por cualquiera problema que le falta a su hijo/a, el programa le explicará los pasos para resolverlo correctamente, como un tutor personal.

***¿Cuáles son los beneficios de usar el programa STAAR Readiness fuera de la escuela?***

Su hijo/a tendrá tiempo adicional para practicar las materias que aprende en clase. Yo repasaré el trabajo que hace su hijo/a en el programa fuera de clase. ¡Este tiempo extendido y apoyado de aprender puede mejorar las habilidades matemáticas de su hijo/a!

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| ***¿Cómo usamos STAAR Readiness?*** |  |
| Este programa funciona en computadoras y tabletas conectadas al internet y está disponible 24/7. En una computadora, acceder el sistema en el sitio *my.reasoningmind.org* con el nombre de usuario y contraseña. Para usar en tableta, instale la aplicación por navegar a *app.reasoningmind.org* en un navegador y siga las instrucciones.  Pida a su hijo/a que le muestre a Ud. las partes del programa. Le haga que le enseña lo que está haciendo en la clase, revise sus puntajes en *My Place*, ¡y gasten algunos de los puntos juntos en el *Shopping Mall*! | **Estudiante:** |
| **Login/Nombre de usuario:** |
| **Password/Contraseña::** |

***¿Cómo apoyo el aprendizaje de mi hijo/a con STAAR Readiness?***

Su hijo/a tendrá acceso a unas tareas que he asignado y algunas series de problemas organizadas por tópico. El programa puede dirigir automáticamente a los estudiantes en asignaciones o modos específicos. Communicate expectations for out of school use. Consider: Will you assign homework time/assignments? Will *TEKS Tracker* work be student choice or teacher directed? What are your expectations for working on assignments?

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