



Dear Caregivers,

As we collectively navigate the school closures and the COVID-19 pandemic, Elementary Literacy, an NB based non-profit organization that supports early childhood literacy, is working towards helping your child maintain and practice their reading skills by offering home-use for the AMIRA learning tool. Your child has been participating in a pilot project at their school using an Artificial Intelligence reading assessment and practice tool, called AMIRA.

If you have the following things at home, your child will be able to continue practicing their foundational reading skills via AMIRA while at home:

1. Hardware (computer, ipad, tablet, desktop) with a microphone
2. Reliable internet connection (if your internet is very slow, AMIRA may not work)
3. A quiet place to work
4. 20 minutes/ day

To access AMIRA, please follow the instructions below:

1. Use **GOOGLE CHROME** (this is important as this browser works best for AMIRA) if you don't have or use google chrome follow this link to download (https://www.google.ca/chrome/?brand=CHBD&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIIndCQyMLC6AIVQ18NCh090w5HEAAYASAAEgJu2fD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)
2. Ensure microphone access is enabled.
3. Go to www.amiratutor.com
4. Using the login information provided by your school, enter your child's username and password
5. Press "Let's do it"
6. Have your child select the story they want to read
7. If they complete their story before the recommended 20 minutes has passed, they can simply choose to read another.

AMIRA selects story options that are within your child's "zone of proximal development" meaning that they are appropriate for your child's skills, not too hard and not too easy.

Please watch the video that accompanies this email for a tutorial on how to login, enable microphone access and a few other tips on logging into the AMIRA learning tool.



If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me. We hope this can provide some targeted reading practice for your child.

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