

Parent Guide to Student Resources

Resource	Description	Grade Levels
 	<p><i>My Teaching Strategies Family</i> is our primary communication tool between kindergarten teachers and families. It integrates directly with <i>Teaching Strategies GOLD</i>, our assessment system, and it aligns to our Project-Based Learning curriculum, <i>The Creative Curriculum for Kindergarten</i>. Families are asked to utilize this family communication tool to share kindergarten students' independent work so that teachers can assess student learning and provide learning experiences that are tailored to students' individual learning needs. It is most helpful for work to be authentic and indicative of the student's independent work levels so that teachers can appropriately assess.</p> <p><i>Ready Rosie</i> is an added feature of our subscription to <i>My Teaching Strategies</i>, which provides families with short curated videos to support learning at home.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kindergarten</p>
	<p><i>Sora by Overdrive</i> is a reading app which allows students to borrow ebooks from our digital collection. Sora also provides students with access to the Mount Laurel Public Library's collection without the need to sign up for a library card. The app provides students with access to books through a laptop, phone, or tablet. In addition to being accessible from students' Chromebooks, it is also available via free apps through the Apple App Store or for Android through Google Play. Use this guide, Getting Started with Sora, for more information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Grades PK - 8</p>
	<p>Raz-Kids is an online resource and a component of the Learning A-Z platform.</p> <p>Raz-Kids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides access to leveled libraries at every grade level for use with instruction in independent reading, guided reading, and strategy lessons 	<p style="text-align: center;">Grades PK - 8</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● offers students fiction and non-fiction genres at every reading level ● supports students at their instructional level in reading ● resources may be self-selected by the student or assigned to the student by the teacher or a combination of both ● affords students access to reading material that includes students' areas of interest and a variety of content areas across 29 levels of increasing reading difficulty 	
	<p>Newsela is an online reading resource that offers students a variety of engaging and standards-based content with non-fiction texts/articles. Newsela's topics are published at 5 different reading levels; including a Health and Wellness Collection; a social studies grouping that contains primary source documents, biographies, civics articles, Supreme Court cases, and United States founding documents.</p> <p>The science and math division of Newsela provides students with text and illustrations on a variety of science topics (biology, chemistry, ecology, earth science, physics, etc.).</p>	<p>Grades 2 - 8</p>
	<p>Happy Numbers is a resource for math teachers to use in addition to our math program. Happy Numbers is geared towards primary grades. It teaches students to think mathematically by using hands-on modeling, manipulatives, and multiple representations to help students build meaning behind the math.</p> <p>Students master math skills while traveling through space to find Dino's dinosaur friends. Students are rewarded with positive reinforcement and watch a new Dino friend emerge from an egg on each planet. Happy Numbers is individualized and provides immediate feedback to students.</p> <p>How Does Happy Numbers Teach?</p>	<p>Grades K - 2</p>



[IXL Learning](#) is a resource for math teachers to use in addition to our math program. IXL Learning for Math allows students to work at their current level and provides students with support including problem solutions/explanations so they get immediate feedback. Parents and students have direct access to the student's progress. On the Standards tab, the student's real-time SmartScore is displayed next to each standards-aligned skill. Parents can also review their students' reports at any time.

Grades 3 - 8



[Gizmos](#) is a resource for science teachers to use to aid in doing labs and hands-on type activities while social distancing through technology. Gizmos provides interactive simulations that engage students in the scientific process.

Grades 5 - 8