



Middletown Township Public Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child has been registered for a specialized pull-out class that will take place every other day during their elective period. The basis of the course will be Study Island, an online tutorial program that will improve their language arts and math skills as well as improve their chance of passing the state test, NJASK. Your child has been identified as "at risk" for failing one or both of the sections of the NJASK and will, therefore, benefit from the use of this program.

In addition to receiving instruction every other day in school during Marking Period 3 (10 weeks), your child also has a username and password that will allow them to log on at home. We encourage you to log on at home and monitor your child's progress. Please encourage your child to use the program 2 hours per week. A teacher from the school will also monitor your child's home use in addition to their school use of the program. Although your child will not receive a separate grade in this course, failure to complete the minimum assignments may impact the grade in their existing elective.

To logon, go to www.studyisland.com. and use the following username: **firstname.lastname@mtps**. Your password will be: **student**. For example john.smith@mtps. Once your child logs on, they can change their password. Your child should not give his or her password out to anyone else. If you have any questions, please call Dr. Ellen Kelpsh at 787-1200 ext. 7706.

Sincerely,

Alvaro J. Cores

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Study Island



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our school has purchased a subscription to a research-based standards mastery program called Study Island. During our subscription, your child can access Study Island free of charge anywhere that Internet access is available. Study Island has site-wide security features in place to provide greater peace of mind.

We are excited about the benefits this program can bring to our students, and we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Please feel free to contact Study Island at 800-419-3191 or support@studyisland.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Principal

Using Study Island from Home

Study Island is completely Web-based, which allows students to access the program from any computer with an Internet connection and a standard Web browser. Study session results are automatically recorded for teacher review, including results from sessions completed outside of school.

The program is divided into sections based on subject (math, reading, etc.). Each section is made up of 15 to 30 topics, with each topic containing about 20 to 30 questions. Topics are accompanied by a lesson, which contains a brief overview of the material covered in that topic.

Follow the instructions below to use the program:

1. Go to www.studyisland.com.
2. Enter your username and password at the upper left side of the screen, and click "Submit." Students will receive a username and password from their school.
3. Click on a subject (math, reading, etc.).
4. If this is the first time using the program, click "Pretest." **You must complete 10 Pretest questions to unlock the rest of the content in that subject.** If there is no Pretest option, or if you have already taken the Pretest, you may move on to the other content topics.
5. Choose a Session Type. The default setting is Test mode, however students may also select Printable Worksheet or Game mode if permitted by the school.
6. To pass a topic, you must meet the passing requirements, which are based on a minimum number of questions answered (usually 10) and a minimum percentage correct (around 70%). A blue ribbon icon (🏆) is displayed next to all passed topics.
7. Once you have completed the Pretest, you may work through the remainder of the topics in any order. You must pass all topics before taking the Post Test.
8. Once you have passed all the topics, you must pass the Post Test to complete the subject. Ignore this step if the subject has no Post Test.
9. When you pass all topics in all subjects, you have completed the program.

To Access Reports:

Select a subject under Reports on the left-hand side of the screen to access your reports.

"We have one building that repeatedly has students doing thousands of problems over our vacation breaks and over summer. That says a lot about the program."

-Cheryl Smith, Director, Assessment & Support, Miamisburg City Schools, OH