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Dear Wolfpack,

Teachers and administrators have been working together with you to complete assessments that help us identify how to support your children in improving their reading and math abilities. Thank you to all of the parents and students who have worked with us so far to complete this task!

Our next assessment is for students in grades 1-6: Word Journeys is a spelling test that helps teachers identify how to further develop reading and writing skills. We do not expect students to attain a perfect score when taking any assessment; we simply desire them to do their best and show what they know, so that we can support them as they continue to gain academic skills and knowledge.

Here are some important things to remember while your child is completing assessments remotely:

- Assessments will continue to be given as part of live lessons or scheduled for the afternoon Independent Study time with homeroom teachers or other qualified instructors.
- Please do not correct your child's work or hint at answers during assessments or learning. This removes important information from the results to adequately support them throughout their schooling.
  - However, it is excellent practice to review items your child had trouble with after the assessment is completed and submitted.

Reminders of technology-related remote schooling skills:

- Students and caretakers will need to practice submitting items on Google Classroom throughout the year that are done on paper.
- Teachers are assigning activities throughout the week and offering tutorials to support this practice.

Reminders about technology-related supports we offer at Gillingham to be successful remotely:

- The IT department is providing extra support to families that are still developing this critical remote learning skill.
- Please contact your homeroom teachers for individual support.
- Watch the IT tutorial [here](#), or type in the following web address: <https://youtu.be/-j6RGMIASdA>.
- More video tutorials are available on the [IT Support Webpage](#).
- After reviewing the tutorial and practicing with your teachers this week, if you need further support, reach out to IT at [support@gillinghamcharterschool.org](mailto:support@gillinghamcharterschool.org).

Thank you for your time, flexibility, and commitment to education.

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