Before the Diagnostic

Make sure your child knows what to expect:

- “The Diagnostic is like a vision test—the goal is not to get every question correct. It is to show what you know and don’t know so your teachers can teach you better.”
- “If the questions feel too challenging, just try your best and move on.”
- “The Diagnostic isn’t timed—you can work on it in small, 15- to 30-minute chunks.”

Make sure they’ve got what they need:

- A quiet, comfortable place to take the test
- A device that works with i-Ready, consistent internet connection, login information, and headphones
- Any specific scheduling, instructions, and/or accommodations provided by your child’s school
- Paper and pencil for taking notes or solving math questions

During the Diagnostic

Encourage and support, but DON’T HELP:

- Play the role of supportive teacher. Encourage them to do their best, reassure them, and offer to take a break.
- Remember, not helping them with the answers is the best way to help.
- Anticipate some frustration. Use the phrases below or others here to help your child:
  - “Wow. That looks like a very advanced question! Remember, it’s okay if you don’t know it. Just try your hardest and give your best guess so that i-Ready can find your ‘just right’ level. And then move on.”
  - “Looks like you could use a quick break! Do you want to finish this question now or when you get back?”

After the Diagnostic . . . Celebrate!!!

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