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To: Parents of Students in Grades 3-8
From: Pat Muxie, Nate Atwater, K-8 Building Principals
Re: Study Island Access
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If your child has not yet done so, he/she can now access a great resource for preparing for the MCAS. This piece of technology will also reinforce the learning that is taking place in the classroom in the content areas of Reading, Math, and (depending on his/her grade level) Science. Through the collaborative efforts of many, we have updated our building licenses for the web-based program called, *Study Island*. This program is accessible to students from school, at home, at the library, or while away on vacation. If you have Internet access, your child can access *Study Island* at any time.

The reverse side of this sheet provides a brief overview of the program. It also gives you instructions for instant access. We have used this program in the past and are excited to be able to continue to offer our students the opportunity to utilize it. We urge you to encourage your child to use *Study Island* frequently.

Please feel free to contact Study Island Tech Support at 800-419-3191 or e-mail them at: support@studyisland.com if you have any questions or problems regarding the use of the program.

OVER FOR INSTRUCTIONS

Using Study Island Remotely

The Study Island Program is divided into sections based on subject (e.g., math, reading, science). Each subject is made up of 15 to 30 topics. Each topic contains about 20 to 30 questions with explanations. All topics are accompanied by a lesson, which includes some brief information about the material covered by the questions in the topic. *It is helpful to view the lesson with your child OR have your child view the lesson **before** answering the questions in a topic.*

Since the Study Island assessment program is completely web-based, students can access it from any computer with an Internet connection and a standard web browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape). Results from students' study sessions are recorded and made available to the teacher/s. This includes results from sessions completed at home.

Follow the instructions below, which are from Study Island, in order to use the program:

1. Go to www.studyisland.com

2. Enter your child's username and password at the upper-left of the screen, and click, "Submit."

Note: Either your child knows his/her username and password, or it is written here:

Username: _____

Password: _____

3. Click on the subject (math, reading, science) that he/she wishes to work on.

4. If this is the first time your child is using the program, click the "Pretest" in order to begin the pretest for that section. *He/she must complete 10 pretest questions before moving on to the topic in the section.* If there is no pretest option, or if your child has already taken the pretest, he/she can move on to the other content topics.

5. Choose a session type. The default setting is Test Mode, however, students may also select the Printable Worksheet or Game Mode if permitted by his/her school.

6. To pass a topic, one must satisfy the topic's passing requirements that 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. One must pass all topics before taking the, "Post Test."

8. Once he/she has passed all the topics in the section, he/she has to pass the Post Test to complete the subject. Ignore this step if the subject does not have a Post Test.

9. When your child has passed all topics in all subjects, he/she has completed the program and will be well prepared to take the state test. Congratulations!

To Access Your Child's Reports:

1. After your child has logged in, select a subject under Reports on the left-hand side of the screen.

2. Here, you will find a variety of reports with information such as how much time your child has spent on various subjects, how he/she used his/her time, and what questions he/she missed. You will also be able to compare your child with other children in class. You can select reports by Subject or select the Summary option to get all subjects.

Again, please feel free to contact Study Island Tech Support at 800-419-3191 or e-mail them at: support@studyisland.com if you have any questions regarding the use of the program.

We hope you and your child enjoy using this great resource!

Cc Joe Casey, Greg Zammuto, Jorge Pazos, Frank Sorrenti, Nate Atwater, Mary Burns, K-8 Principals, Denise Jones