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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that Orange Township Public School is in the third year of using the exciting Readorium Reading program with the students in grades 3-8 at no cost to you.

In an effort to improve all reader's comprehension of scientific information, text, based on National Science Standards, we have purchased access to Readorium Rising Reader (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Readorium Scholar (6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade) for all students. Readorium Rising Reader and Readorium Scholar are adaptive supplementary software systems that teach students the strategies and word-learning skills needed to deeply comprehend grade-appropriate informational text. Text and support systems adjust to each student's skill level as they use this game-like program. Teachers also receive a wide variety of resources, including a comprehensive reporting system and reading comprehension strategy lessons they can give to the whole class or students with specific needs. Your child will have the opportunity to read 45 minutes bi-weekly, (block schedule) or 45 minutes weekly (period class schedule) in class. The remaining time is to be completed at home.

The district's goal for student's usage of Readorium is a minimum of 90 minutes per week (180 minutes Bi-weekly). This will include in-class and homework usage. *The weekly in-class and homework expectations are as follows:* 

Class Schedule	In-Class Instruction	Homework	Total
Block Schedule (A-B Days)	45 minutes (bi-weekly)	90 & 45 minutes	90 minutes
<b>Modified Schedule</b> ( <i>A-B days + 45 min Fri.</i> )	45 minutes	45 minutes	90 minutes
<b>Period Schedule</b> (45 Min M-F)	45 Minutes	45 minutes	90 minutes

This additional instructional support should increase the student's interest and ability to comprehend informational text throughout the school year. Classroom teachers will monitor the time students spend on the programs as well as the progress they make through the books. Incentive programs will be offered throughout the year. Bi-weekly progress report will be sent home with your child's progress and time spent on the Program.

We also encourage you to monitor your child's weekly use of Readorium to ensure your child is meeting these expectations. Your child has an account for Readorium. Below is their log-on information.

User name \_

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School ID

<u>All students using Readorium in class are required to wear head phones. We appreciate your support with ensuring</u> <u>they are prepared!</u>

Please Complete the following and Return bottom section. Check One

Password

Question	Yes	No
1. Do you have internet at home?		
2. Does your child have access to an alternate place to use computer/internet (i.e. public library)?		
3. Would you permit your child to attend before/after school program for additional support if needed?		
4. What device(s) does your child have at home? iPad? Laptop? Computer? Tablet?		

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