



Dear Parents,

Your child has been enrolled in Istation Reading, the Texas SUCCESS reading provider. Texas SUCCESS provides state-funded access to interactive math and reading programs to Texas public school students in grades 3–8. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has selected Istation as the Texas SUCCESS reading provider. Through Texas SUCCESS, your child will have access to Istation at home throughout the summer.





Istation is a computer-based learning system that provides research based reading instruction. You can help your child improve their reading skills by encouraging your student to utilize Istation Reading for a few hours per week.

Here are the steps for using Istation at home:

1. Your child should login with the same user name and password used during the 2012-2013 school year. **It is critical for students that already have an account to continue working in Istation using their existing username and password. Please obtain this information from your child's teacher if you do not have it on hand.**
2. If your child was never given an Istation account through Texas SUCCESS at their school, you may create an account for your child by visiting <http://texassuccess.org>. Once on that site, click on 'Sign Up' under the heading labeled 'Reading'.
3. The Istation Imagination Station (also referred to as the student curriculum application) must be loaded on the desktop or laptop computer your child is using in order to access the customized student content in Istation. Instructions for downloading the Istation Imagination Station program to your home computer can be found in the **Texas Summer SUCCESS Toolkit for Parents** located at <http://texassuccess.org/texas-summer-success-toolkits>.
4. Once the Istation Imagination Station has been installed on your computer and your child is ready to begin, the following plan is recommend for your child during the summer:



Istation Texas Summer SUCCESS Weekly Plan

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading with ISIP 30 minutes 	*DEAR time with Books 20-30 minutes 	Writing 30 minutes 	*DEAR time with Books 20-30 minutes 	Free Choice

*DEAR: Drop Everything And Read



Selecting **Reading with ISIP** allows your child to work in their individual learning path. During this activity, skills your child needs are being taught and practiced.

Selecting **Books** gives your child access to books and passages that have been presented to them in the program. This allows them to reread which helps to build confidence and fluency in reading. A fluent reader reads with accuracy, at a good pace, and with expression. Rereading is a researched way to help students build fluency.

Selecting **Writing** allows your child to participate in a variety of writing activities that helps them understand what makes writing “good”.

5. Follow these best practices for using Istation
 - a. Students should work in a quiet area, or
 - b. Headphones may be used.
 - c. Your child’s path is created as they work showing what they know or what they need additional help in. It is important for your child to work independently as much as possible—only intervening when absolutely necessary.

6. Contact support if you have any questions.
 - a. Texas SUCCESS: Toll Free: 1-877-315-4918 or Email: help@texassuccess.org
 - b. Istation Reading (866) 883-7323 option 2 or Email: support@istation.com

Thanks for helping your students with Istation!