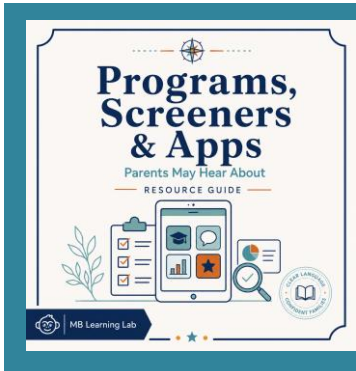




School Programs, Screeners, and Apps Parents/Caregivers May Hear About *Monkey Buddies Learning Lab Quick Guide*

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Plain-language help for understanding common tools, screeners, and school apps.

Parent Reminder

A program name is not the same thing as a support plan. Some tools assess, some provide practice, some support instruction, and some are used for communication.

Access Note

Some programs are free for families, but many require a school, district, library, teacher, or paid family account.

Guide Sections

Good Questions to Ask

What is this used for?

Is my child being assessed, practicing, receiving instruction, or using it for communication?

What information does it give the teacher?

Can you show me what my child sees?

Should we use this at home, or only at school?

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Learning Lab Markers

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Marker	Meaning
ASSESS	Screeners/Assessments
READ	Reading/Literacy
MATH	Math/Practice
COMM	Family Communication
CLASS	Classroom Tools
LIB	Digital Reading/Language

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Screeners & Assessment Tools

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Program / Tool	Plain-Language Meaning
ASSESS DIBELS	A short reading screener used to check early literacy and reading skills. Schools may use it to look for risk and monitor reading progress.
ASSESS i-Ready / i-Ready Inform	An online reading and math assessment and instruction program. It may be used to find skill needs, assign lessons, and monitor growth.
ASSESS STAR	A computer-based reading or math assessment. Schools may use it to estimate skill level, monitor growth, or help guide instruction.
ASSESS NWEA / MAP Growth	A computer-based assessment used to measure growth in reading, math, language usage, or science. Schools may use scores to plan instruction or track progress.

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Reading Programs & Structured Literacy Tools

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Program / Tool	Plain-Language Meaning
READ Lexia	A reading program that gives practice with phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills.
READ Heggerty	A phonemic awareness program often used with young children. It focuses on listening to and working with sounds in spoken words.
READ Foundations	A structured literacy program that teaches phonics, spelling, handwriting, and foundational reading skills.
READ UFLI	A structured literacy resource used to teach phonics, decoding, spelling, and word-reading skills.
READ Wilson Reading System	A structured reading intervention program often used with students who need intensive support with decoding and spelling.
READ 95 Percent Group	Structured literacy materials and assessments often used for phonics, intervention, and reading support.

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Math & Practice Programs

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Program / Tool	Plain-Language Meaning
MATH IXL	An online practice program for math, language arts, science, social studies, and other skills. Schools may use it for extra practice or review.
MATH DreamBox	An online math program that adjusts lessons based on how a student answers and solves problems.
MATH Zearn	A math program with digital lessons and practice. Some schools use it alongside classroom math instruction.
MATH Khan Academy	A learning platform with video lessons and practice in math, science, history, test prep, and other subjects.

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Classroom & Family Communication Apps

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Program / Tool	Plain-Language Meaning
COMM Seesaw	A classroom communication and student portfolio app. Teachers may use it to share student work, activities, photos, or messages.
COMM ClassDojo	A classroom communication app. Teachers may use it for messages, behavior points, updates, photos, and reminders.
COMM Remind	A communication app used by some schools or teachers to send announcements and messages to families.
CLASS Google Classroom	A digital classroom space where teachers may post assignments, links, announcements, and materials.

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Digital Reading, Libraries & Language Tools

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Program / Tool	Plain-Language Meaning
LIB Epic	A digital reading platform with children’s books and read-aloud options. Some teachers use it for independent reading or listening to books.
LIB Raz-Kids / Reading A-Z	A reading platform with leveled books and reading practice. Some teachers use it for independent reading, fluency practice, or homework.
LIB Scholastic Literacy Pro	A digital reading platform and ebook library used by some schools to support independent reading, book choice, and reading progress.
LIB BookFlix	A Scholastic digital literacy resource that pairs fiction and nonfiction books. Often available through schools or libraries.
LIB Sora / OverDrive	A school digital library app students may use to borrow ebooks and audiobooks through a school or library account.
LIB TumbleBooks	A digital collection with animated, narrated picture books, read-alongs, and other children’s reading materials, often through schools or libraries.
LIB Little Fox (MB Recommend)	A digital story library with animated cartoon stories, classic tales, songs, and leveled eBooks. Many stories include captions for reading along, plus lessons or activities connected to the story.
LIB Unite for Literacy	A free digital library with picture books and narration in many languages. Helpful for multilingual learners, English learners, and family reading support.

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Final Reminder

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Plain-Language Guide Note

Program names, features, access rules, and school use can change. This guide is a parent/caregiver-friendly starting point, not an endorsement or official program description.