

## **8 Ways to Determine if Online Lessons are a Good Fit for Your Child**

*Reflect on the following questions before deciding if online instruction is a fit for your child.*

- 1. Will you have the following technology requirements available during ALL online lessons?**
  - a. A computer with a hard drive (no Chromebooks, iPads, or phones), a working web camera, and good audio.
  - b. High speed internet with a strong connection
  - c. Headphones (optional) to eliminate extraneous noise
- 2. Do you have a quiet, dedicated space available for your student to work?**
  - a. Is it free from distractions and interruptions? (pets, siblings, general household activity)
  - b. Is there a surface that allows room for the computer and a space to work?
  - c. Is it free from clutter that could be distracting?
- 3. Do you or another adult have availability throughout your child's lesson time?**
  - a. Will an adult be home during lessons?
  - b. If no adult will be home, can you or another adult be reached via phone at least 5 minutes prior to your student's lesson?
  - c. If no adult will be home, can your student get help with issues that may arise? (technology issues or otherwise)
- 4. Can your child sit or stand to attend to instruction for a minimum of 15 minutes before requiring a movement break?**
  - a. Given movement breaks, can your student sustain attention for a 50 minute lesson?
  - b. Will your student be distracted during lessons if not monitored directly? (opening additional tabs on the computer, using their phone or tablet, watching TV, etc)
- 5. Can your child use a mouse or trackpad proficiently? Yes or No**
- 6. Can your child type on a keyboard, and if not, can you provide an alternate writing surface such as a small whiteboard or notebook? Yes or No**
- 7. Do you have the ability to create a resource kit for your child at home?**
  - a. Can you check your email for updated information/resources from READ Learning?
  - b. Do you have the ability to print necessary resources either at home or at a store?
  - c. Can you provide a pronged folder or a 1 inch 3 ring binder to store resources?
- 8. Can you ensure other household devices are not streaming/gaming during lesson time? Yes or No**