



Dear Families of Students in Grades K–5,

Journeys Core Reading Program is a systemic comprehensive program that is designed to benefit all students. Journeys is a researched-based program aligned to the Common Core Standards. As our core Language Arts Program, it will include whole group and small group instruction with a strong literature base, phonics, spelling, vocabulary, grammar and writing. Technology is fully integrated into this program and will include a home access component. We will also be using Foundations to meet the foundational skills in grades K-2.

Additionally, our Reading program comes with a powerful online resource called ThinkCentral that can be accessed via the internet. This student webpage has 3 main components: **“My Library,” “Things to Do,”** and **“My Test Scores.”** The use of these resources is **completely optional** and they are solely intended for you, the family, to monitor and/or assist your student’s progress in Reading. **“My Library”** is available at all times and has resources including the electronic version of your student’s textbook. For more help on this page click the Help tab, located on the home page. The other two features **“Things To Do”** and **“My Test Scores” will not be utilized** outside of school.

To access ThinkCentral:

1. Go to <https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/>
2. Select **Pennsylvania** from the “select a state” drop menu
3. Select **McKeesport Area School District** from the “select a district” drop menu
4. Select your child’s building from the “select a school” drop menu
5. Enter your child’s username: firstnamelastname (Example: johnsmith)
 - ★ Use all lowercase letters with no spaces.
 - ★ Do not include apostrophes ‘ or hyphens – that are in the name.
 - ★ NOTE: If unable to access, try to add a 1 at the end of the username.
6. Enter your child’s password: tigers
7. Click **Login**

If you have any questions concerning the use of ThinkCentral, please contact your child’s teacher for guidance.