

September 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the month of September, your student will be participating in the MAP (*Measures of Academic Progress*) assessment in math and reading. MAP is an online assessment that educators use to determine your child's achievement levels, and monitor academic growth. Teachers use these results to tailor classroom lessons and set academic goals with students. This annual assessment will be administered again in January and May of this school year.

The MAP assessment is important for several reasons:

- The results provide teachers and families with a report measuring a student's achievement and growth.
- Data is used along with a series of other information (quality of classroom work, classroom assessments, observations, and projects, etc) to monitor your child's progress.
- The results can be tracked over several years to show growth.

It is important that your child come to school rested and ready to fully participate in the assessment. Please encourage your child to:

- Get enough sleep.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Keep a positive attitude.
- Listen carefully and follow directions.
- Do his/her best

MAP assessments are unique as they adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level. This provides teachers with immediate and accurate information about your child's learning.

Though the MAP assessments are important, it is only one measure of your child's progress in school. Please continue to communicate with your child's teachers and other school staff to get a full picture of your child's school success. For more information about MAP, visit NWEA.org/familytoolkit.

Sincerely,

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