

Parent Letter

First MAP™ Season

Dear Parent

During the week of <<Insert Date Here>> your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP). We give students MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of <<Insert subjects testing here.>> Your child will take the tests on a computer.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. Over the next few days, your child will spend a total of about <<Insert number of subjects administered here>> hours completing these tests.

Each school year, students in grades <<Insert grades here>> take the tests in <<Insert month here>>, and grades <<Insert grades here>> take the tests in <<Insert month here>>. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth.

<< (*This paragraph is optional*)>>Before we begin full implementation of MAP testing in the <<Insert season here>> you will be invited to attend informational meetings that fully explain the purposes of the tests and how we will use the information obtained to promote your child's learning. >>

We are truly excited to begin a new era that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. **Partnering to help all kids learn**, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

For more information on resources for parents, download the *Parent Toolkit* at www.nwea.org >> Member Support >> Downloads >> Manuals.

Sincerely