



Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District

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Dear First Grade Parent/Guardian:

The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD is continually seeking ways to ensure that our students receive the best quality instruction. One of the first steps to ensuring all of our students have access to this instruction is to collect information regarding academic progress. We use aimswebPlus as our benchmark assessment for all students three times per year. It is a quick and easy tool that requires minimal disruption to classroom activities, gives us information about how students are performing nationwide, and has the ability to give us this data quickly so we can use this information to inform instruction immediately.

aimswebPlus provides data that helps us adjust the level and intensity of classroom and remedial instruction to the needs of each student. Assessing specific reading and math skills helps teachers to inform instruction, ensuring students are working to meet year-end reading and math goals.

- **Who will be screened?** Each fall, winter and spring, all students will be assessed using aimswebPlus in addition to existing measures. We will monitor progress more frequently for students who have been determined to require additional support with reading and math skills.
- **How much time will the screening take?** Most measures are completed in 1-3 minutes. No special preparation for aimswebPlus testing is necessary, other than preparing for school as on any other day. The screening takes a short amount of time and will not be a big event for your child.
- **How are aimswebPlus results used?** AimswebPlus offers one piece of information about reading and math proficiency, but a comprehensive review of multiple measures will be used to make final decisions around the need for additional support. If your child is found in need of additional support, you will be notified by the school of the type of support we will provide your child, and you will receive additional reports regarding your child's progress. Individual student reports of aimswebPlus data are also available by contacting your child's school.
- **How can I get additional information on how aimswebPlus is being used in school?** If you would like additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the school principal.

The Ken-Ton School Community will provide our students with the supports, tools, and diverse opportunities needed to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

First Grade aimswebPlus Measures

These are the First Grade Early Literacy measures are used with your child during the Fall, Winter, and Spring Benchmark Screening:

Acronym	Measure name	What the student does
NWF	Nonsense Word Fluency	The student reads or states the sounds within a series of nonsense words for one minute.
WRF	Word Reading Fluency	The student reads a word list aloud for one minute.
ORF	Oral Reading Fluency	The student reads a story aloud for one minute.

These are the First Grade Early Numeracy measures are used with your child during the Fall, Winter, and Spring Benchmark Screening:

Acronym	Measure name	What the student does
MFF-1D	Math Facts Fluency- 1 Digit	The student mentally solves simple addition and subtraction problems involving numbers 0-10 and states the correct answer for one minute.
NCF-P	Number Comparison Fluency- Pairs	Pairs of numbers are presented. The student identifies which of two numbers is larger for each pair for one minute.
CA	Concepts and Applications	The student mentally solves various types of math problems and states the correct answers.