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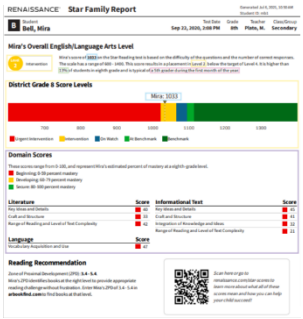
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Dear Mount Pleasant Families,

Beginning this October, students in grades K-10 will take the Star Universal Screening Benchmark Assessment in *Reading* and *Math* (in addition to *Early Literacy* at Hawthorne). These benchmark assessments are administered three times annually in the fall, winter, and spring. In Mount Pleasant, they replace both AimswebPlus and MAP, which had been administered in prior years. Our districtwide planning team worked diligently to pilot various screening tools last year and identified the Star Assessment as the best way to support students' overall academic performance.

Star Assessments are short screening tools (typically no more than 30 minutes) that provide teachers with individualized data for each child in their classroom in both reading/literacy and math. The assessments are computer-based and adjust in difficulty. Using the results, teachers can analyze their students' performance to adjust their instruction and monitor student growth across administrations throughout the school year.

Once the assessments have been administered, a 'Star Family Report' will be posted in the Parent Portal, from which you will be able to see your child's performance (a sample of which is on the left). Student performance will fall into any one of four categories:


RENAISSANCE Star Family Report

Bell, Mira

Mira's Overall English/Language Arts Level

District Grade 8 Score Levels

Domain Scores

Literature | Informational Text | Language

Reading Recommendation

- Below the 10th percentile (Red)
- Between the 10th and 24th percentile (Yellow)
- Between the 25th and 39th percentile (Blue)
- Above the 40th percentile (Green)

Each report also provides a breakdown of the skills and indicators by domain within the assessed subject.

While we believe the Star Assessment will be valuable to our teachers and families, please know that this is just one of many ways your children are assessed. We always look at multiple measures to develop a full picture of student performance and progress. Stay tuned for more information on the Star Assessment from your child's school in the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,

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