



Winter 2021

Dear Parent,

Our MAP standardized assessment window is January 19-January 29, 2021. During those weeks children in grades 2-8 will take a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA®. We give students MAP Growth tests to determine their instructional level and to measure academic growth in math and reading throughout the school year and from year to year.

MAP Growth tests are unique in that they adapt to your child's level of learning. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This results in a detailed picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Winter assessment results help teachers identify improvements in learning and opportunities to focus on and review specific skills and concepts.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject, and have the same starting performance level. This school year our plan is to administer these tests to students in grades 2-8 in the fall, winter, and spring. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth, which you can review with your child's teacher for more insight.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about the MAP Growth test, visit: [NWEA.org/Parent-Toolkit](https://nwea.org/Parent-Toolkit).

Sincerely,

Cathi Budge, Assistant Principal