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Dear Parents,

During September your child/children participated in formative assessments called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) published by Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). 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 Reading and Math. This is our third year using MAP testing.

One of the benefits of MAP testing is the ability to measure student progress. This year our students will participate in a winter testing session. The teachers are excited to have updated information that can be used to alter their teaching so as to help all students make progress.

To that end, students in grades two through seven will take the tests in Reading and Math starting this week and ending next Friday, Jan. 27th. Parents will receive a report showing your child's progress in the spring this year. The report will show results from all MAP testing sessions in your child's school career.

Please help your child be prepared for testing by getting a good night's sleep and eating a healthy breakfast. If you have any questions about the MAP testing, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me. We have all participated in training through NWEA and are prepared to utilize the MAP testing to improve our school. You may also find more information on resources for parents, download the **Parent Toolkit** at www.nwea.org >> parents and students tab >> information link.

We are truly excited to further enhance our school with instruction that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement.

Sincerely,
Lisa Reichelt