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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In the next few weeks, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). This is the first time this year the district will be conducting these assessments. The tests are taken on the computer, and questions are “leveled” and vary to determine an accurate data point for each individual child.

We give students MAP tests to determine your child’s instructional level, to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and to measure growth from year to year in the areas of math and reading.

The testing windows for the coming year are:

- September 16 – October 11
- January 6 – January 31
- April 28 – May 23

At the end of the year, you will receive a report of his/her results. Another letter will accompany those results. You can also gather more information from your child’s teacher and principal. It is important to remember that this assessment is to determine instructional level, not to measure achievement.

For more information on NWEA resources for parents, access the Students & Parents tab on the right side at [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org) and download the *Parent Toolkit* from the web site.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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