



“A School Where Dreams Come True!”

August, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

During the weeks of August 26-September 9, 2019 your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) (NWEA). Grades K-2 will be taking it during their computer class and/or other computer lab available times throughout those weeks. Grades 3th-8th will take it in their assigned classes. We give students MAP tests to determine their instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year. It also helps us see their growth from year to year in the areas of Reading and Math (Grades K-2) and Reading, Math, and Science (grades 3-8).

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. With MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. During the testing weeks, students in grades K-2 will spend approximately 42 minutes per testing session completing these tests. Students in grades 3-8 will spend approximately 90 minutes per testing session completing these tests.

Each school year, students in grades K-8 take the tests in August/September, December, and May. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth. We use the Reading scores to determine any students that are not at grade level in Reading. Your child's Reading scores will determine whether your child will need to have additional supports in place to help improve any deficient areas in Reading to correlate with the Third Grade Guarantee Law (K-3). In addition if you are a Third Grader they look at these scores for promotion to the 4th grade.

Partnering to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children. It is important that they are at school every day during the week of testing. We greatly appreciate your flexibility and help with this to ensure that they are here at school each day so that they don't have to do make ups and can test with their class versus being pulled out of their instruction time to complete their missed tests. Please contact your child's teacher for the most updated NWEA schedule.

For more information on resources for parents, go to www.nwea.org >> Support or contact Mrs. Strohsack at 440-282-4277 or at strohsack@horizonlorain.org

Sincerely,
Mrs. Strohsack
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