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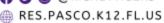
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## Dear Parent,

During the end of August, students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will take a MAP<sup>®</sup> Growth<sup>™</sup> test from NWEA<sup>®</sup> on a computer or tablet. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique and adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

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, students in grade five and eight will take a test in science. Students in grades three through eight will take a test in reading and mathematics. The testing windows will be in August/September, December and March. Following each testing period, your child's teacher will share information with you to let you know how your child is performing academically.

You can help to prepare your child by going through the practice test which can be accessed by going to practice.mapnwea.org. The username is grow and the password is grow.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit NWEA.org/familytoolkit.

Sincerely,

Julie Devine

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