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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Between October 19-30, 2020, your child will take a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® on a computer as a part of their synchronous instruction. This assessment is given to students to determine their instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year in Math. This adaptive assessment takes approximately 45-60 minutes and will be administered in two sessions for students K-1 and 1 session for grades 2-5. If a student is unable to complete this assessment in one administration sitting, they will be assigned an additional time to work under the teacher's direct supervision to complete the assessment.

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.

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. 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. To ensure the results are solely reflective of the child's independent performance, we are asking that you limit your assistance to technology troubleshooting and not coach or guide your child on the mathematical content of the assessment.

If you are using a personal device instead of a county issued device, we are also asking that you disable pop-up blockers and increase the resolution on your device to 1360x786 or higher. Please know your child's teacher can assist with this if needed prior to completing the online assessment. 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://www.nwea.org/Parent-Toolkit). You can also contact your child's teacher or the Office of Assessment and Accountability at 410-677-4477.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Hitch".

Karen Hitch  
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