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Dear Parents,

Coming home to you today is your child's MAP® Growth™ Family Report for the fall testing period. Please take a moment to read the information contained in this letter to help you gain a better understanding of these results.

Students in grades K-2 were tested in Reading and Math, while students in grades 3-8 were tested in Reading, Math and Language. The Family Report is a summary of how your child is performing academically, as measured by the MAP Growth test. These tests and scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth.

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.

Student MAP testing results are reported in RIT scores (short for **R**asch **U**nit). A RIT score is an estimation of a student's instructional level and also measures student progress or growth in school. RIT scores are used to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. RIT scores also measure growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years, which provides teachers and parents with a longitudinal measure of progress. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, he/she receives a RIT score. RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, teachers can use the scores to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use scores to see the performance and progress of individual students, a grade level, and across grade levels of the school. Of course, it is important to remember that MAP Growth scores are only **one** data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing. Growth over time on such tests, coupled with classroom expectations (i.e. classwork, quizzes, tests, projects, presentations and class participation) provide a more comprehensive understanding of student educational progress.

More than 9 million students in the U.S. and in 140 countries worldwide use MAP® Growth™. For more information about MAP Growth, visit NWEA.org/familytoolkit.

I hope you find these reports informative. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher.

Yours in Christ,

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