



January 2021 Newsletter

Hello Meadowbrook Families,

We are just beginning Winter MAP testing for all of our students. The MAP window ends on February 12th. Each class will have specific dates and times to complete the test on their iPads in the classroom, and teachers will be letting students and families know when that will be. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress. It does not count toward student's grades, but it is important that students do well because the scores will help teachers learn what students need to know and these scores represent our school. All students will take the Math test (grades Kindergarten through grade 5) and Grades 3-5 will also take the Reading Assessment. Students may also be doing some practice tests in the classroom to get them ready. Testing can occur at home if students are quarantined and healthy and I will be reaching out to families when testing will need to be completed virtually. The students will take MAP testing again in the Spring. Third, fourth, and fifth graders will also take the State Forward test this Spring.

Here are some important tips for parents.

1. Have students get a good night's rest before the test.
2. Make sure your child gets a good breakfast the morning of the test.
3. Encourage your child to do their best because the scores may be used to help with learning goals.
4. Maintain a positive attitude about the testing. Encourage them to do their best.
5. If your child gets nervous about the test, have them practice some relaxation strategies, such as deep breathing. Please let the school know if your child appears to be over anxious about the testing.
6. If your child is sick the day of the testing, they will be able to make it up. The testing window closes on February 12th. Be sure to let your teacher know if you have any planned absences in the testing window.

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