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Dear Parents of Grade 2-5 students:

The MAP Winter testing session is January 10-25. During this period your child will take the MAP® Growth™ test on an iPad. We give students MAP Growth tests to determine their instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year (and from year to year) in Reading, Math, and Language. Your child's teacher will inform you of your child's test days.

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. Teachers can also see how your child is progressing in his/her learning goals.

There is no need to study for the MAP Growth test. However, it is important to make sure that your child is well rested on school days and especially the day of a test. Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or handle the demands of a test. In addition please give your child a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind.

Your child's MAP results will be sent home on **January 31st**. Upper Primary will hold a repeat of the previous MAP Parent Session on **February 12th**.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about the MAP Growth test, visit: <https://www.nwea.org/Parent-Toolkit/>

Sincerely,

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