Dear Parent/Guardian of our CASD Student,

During the next few weeks your child will take a MAP® Growth™ test in both reading and math. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use these results to tailor classroom lessons and to set individual student goals.

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. For this reason, please do not provide your child with any assistance with any questions on the test. It is very important that the results of the test indicate what your child knows already and what they are ready to learn.

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 tests are not used for grading purposes. They are used for instructional planning purposes and to set goals for academic growth within the school year.

Your child’s teacher will explain the testing process to your child prior to the day of testing and will be virtually available during the test for any questions that may arise. Additionally, if a problem should occur and the test cannot be completed, assure your child that it will be okay. In this case, please reach out to your child’s teacher. There will be an additional opportunity for the test to be completed in the near future.

The MAP assessments will be taken on your child’s chrome book. A required test session name and password will be provided in advance, just prior to the test session. Additionally, a pencil and scratch paper will be required for the MAP math assessment.

Thank you for being a part of this process by being supportive and by allowing your child to complete the test independently.

We are truly excited to focus on your child’s individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](http://NWEA.org/familytoolkit).

Sincerely,

Dr. Sarah Herbert
Falling Spring and Guilford Hills Elementary Schools Principal