



Principal's Message

MAP Testing

All Students in Grades K - 5 will MAP test over the next couple of weeks. Please check your child's testing day and help us by getting your child to school on time and making sure they get to bed early the night before. Your child will be working to meet or exceed their growth goal! Here is a little information about the assessments.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is a computerized adaptive test given in Reading (K-5), Math (K-5), and Science (5th) that provides teachers with information to improve teaching and learning. The difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly the questions become easier. In an optimal test, a student answers approximately half the items correctly and half incorrectly. The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.

How long does it take to complete a test?

Although the tests are not timed, it usually takes students in grades 3 -5 about 45 minutes - 1 hour to complete each test. Students in grades K -2 usually take 15 to 30 minutes per test.

When will my child be tested and how often?

Students will be tested in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Do all students in the same grade take the same test?

No. MAP assessments are designed to target a student's academic performance in math, reading, language usage, and science by adjusting the difficulty of the questions so that each student takes a unique test. These tests are tailored to an individual's current achievement level. This gives each student a fair opportunity to show what he or she knows and can do. Students in grades K - 4 only take the reading and math assessment. Students in grade 5 take all Reading, Math, and Science.

How do teachers use the test scores?

Teachers use this information to help them guide instruction in the classroom and to keep track of progress and growth in basic skills. The scores let teachers know where a student's strengths are and if help is needed in any specific areas.

Winter MAP Schedule

Kindergarten = February 5th and 6th

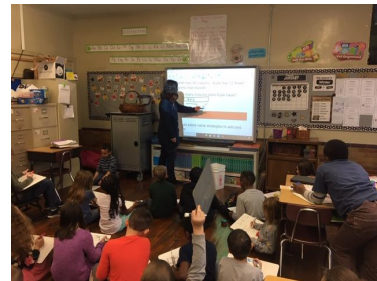
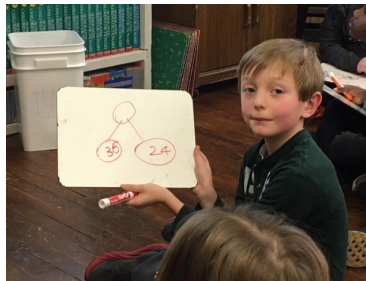
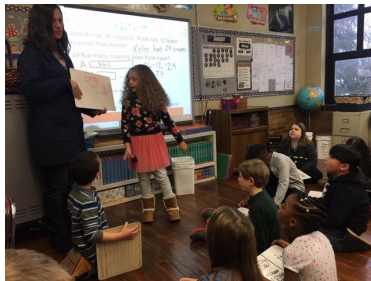
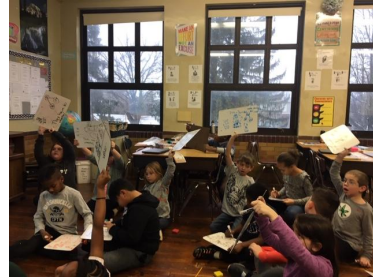
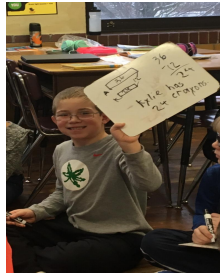
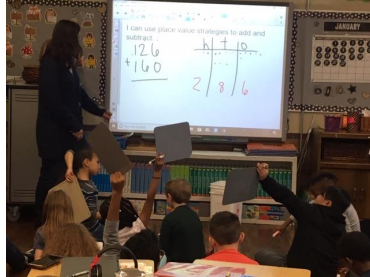
1st Grade = February 6th and 7th

2nd Grade = January 29th and 31st

3rd Grade = February 5th and 6th
4th Grade = January 28th and 29th
5th Grade - January 28th and 29th

Focus for Learning

In Mrs. Stoever's second grade class, the students worked on using different types of place value strategies for addition and subtraction. They solved two step word problems using vertical form, tape diagrams and number bonds. Students used the anchor charts and information from the smartboard to solve the word problems as a class and individually. The students shared their answers by holding up the board and some were called to the front, to explain the process they used to the class.



Artist of the Week



Kannen Eggers

The first graders were introduced to Jim Dine, an artist from Cincinnati, Ohio. We viewed his colorful heart paintings and recreated our own. During our process we learned how to make a symmetrical heart by painting one side of our paper, folding it in half and printing on the other. We used warm and cool colors for both the hearts and then the opposite group for the background. Kannen Eggers was selected by Mrs. Sperry for his hard work and excellent heart painting. He did a great job showing symmetry with his paint and then he added unique designs on the hearts. Kannen is a 1st grade student in Mrs. KC's class. He has been attending Groveport Elementary since kindergarten. Kannen has an older brother Colton who is in third grade and triplet sisters, Remi, Alli and Tori who are three years old. Kannen loves riding his bike and playing football and soccer. His favorite color is blue.

Congratulations Kannen for being our Artist of the Week!

Student of the Month Principal Breakfast

Congratulation to September, October, November, and December Students of the Month. Teachers nominated students for being A Cruiser STAR. Thank you to the PTO for getting all the students shirts and organizing the breakfast each month.

September

Chandler McCoy, Lyla Watkins, Mikey Moabark, Leila Clinton, Sara Shearer, Kylie Graham, Zoe Cook, Edwin Stelle, Joanne Marriott, Jayla Lee, Taila Washburn, Eniaja Muse, Leos Jacobs, Riley Cothorn, Eniaja Muse, and Declan Clingerman

October

Maria Elderwy, Kiara Bapst, Brennan Spriggs, Dylon Gearheart, William Nuakey, Cyncier Edwards, Donny Johnson, Eli Williams, Jordan Chilton, Jason McDonald, Trenton Montney, Annaliese Walker, Zach Konot, Shay Geary, Coby Dugan, and Azia Cocroft

November

Vivian Jordan, Olivia Ball, Mason Holbrook, Maci West, Mason Green, Arizona Gray, bella Walton, Anna Ryan, Esther Nuakey, Alexis Berchie, Kiely Morrison, Juliana Ruhe, Martia Elliot, Morgan Webb, Ayden Kirk, Kennedy Hill, and Matthew Scott

December

Landon Grossman, Fama Kane, Allison Hoamvongsor, Jackson Smith, Kade Stine, Kelsey Jennings, Mason Stine, MJ Lutz, Kobe Lance, Deagan Hall, Alexandria Ryan, Cole Stine, Tessa Hilligas, Emma Webb, Gavin Bailey, Gaige Osborn, and Kellan Campbell





Congratulations to our Staff Members of the Month!!

November = Mrs. Gordon

December = Mr. Yurasek

January = Mrs. Brunner

Hallway STAR Award

Our students have to hang their coats and bookbags in the hallway because of limited space in the classrooms. We noticed this to be untidy and unsafe as students were stepping over items that would drop to the floor, so we've started a clean hallway challenge. Mrs. Bray will walk the halls throughout the week to recognize the class that has the neatest hallway area and announce the winning class on Fridays. Mr. Miller our school custodian will present the award to the class each week.

Congratulations Mrs. Myers 1st Grade Class!

Upcoming Important Dates

January

25 - Staff Meeting (8:00)

29 - PBIS Meeting (8:00)

February

Book Fair = 4th - 8th

18th and 19th = No School

Thank You to Our Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

Darthaniel Hamilton - Mrs. Cordell

Cheyenne Parrett - Mrs. Monhollen

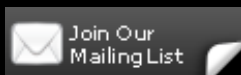
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Jakahi Mitchell, Grady Thompson, Kade Stine,
Spencer Bray, Jacob Holloway, and Joel Partlow



Cruiser STAR Students

Gold STAR Awards are given to students by staff members for students who show characteristics of being a Cruiser STAR - Stay Safe Take Responsibility Act Respectfully Reach Goals. Students come to the office and put their gold STAR in our Treasure Box. Every Friday, Mrs. Bray picks 15 -20 STARS from the Treasure Box and calls those students to the office for a prize. [Congratulations - Anna Ryan, Rylan Peoples, Kennedy Dawson, Spencer Bray, Kannen Eggers, Breanna Gilreath, Ryan Chaney, Deagan Hall, Amber Stoever, Jaycob Biggers, Trenton Montney, and Isabella Vargo!](#)



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