



# What are we going to talk about?

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# What is MAP?

- Unique student assessment in Reading, Language Usage, and Math
  - *MAP for Primary Grades (K-1) – Reading and Math – uses an audio recording to guide students through assessments*
  - *MAP (Grades 2-5) – Reading, Language Usage, and Math – students will be expected to read independently*
- Computer based adaptive test allowing MAP to challenge top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level
  - *A correct answer generates a more difficult test item*
  - *An incorrect answer generates an easier test item*
- The test pulls from a bank of thousands of questions on multiple levels, no tests will be the same



## Why use MAP?

- We can administer these tests utilizing less class time
  - *Typically students will be assessed three times a year*
  - *Tests are untimed*
  - *Students work in 30 minute intervals*
- Results are quick, detailed, and accurate about the student's academic growth over time
- Develops a partnership between teachers and parents that promote each student's learning
- MAP is an assessment **FOR** learning, not **OF** learning



# MAP FOR Learning

## Assessment *FOR* Learning...

Strives to increase student achievement

Diagnoses a student's strengths and weaknesses by providing results that are unique to individual students

Provides data throughout a unit or course of study that allows tailoring of instruction and motivation for improvement

Informs students about themselves and helps them learn how to take charge of their own progress

Assumes the teacher's role is to promote student success

## Assessment *OF* Learning...

Strives to document student achievement

Diagnoses a program's strengths and weaknesses by providing comparable results

Provides summative results at the end of a unit or course of study

Informs others (teachers, parents, administrators, community members) about students and their achievement

Assumes the teacher's role is to gauge student success





## Features of MAP

- Provides a challenging test for every student
- It is a continuous test starting in KDG
- Dynamically built based on the achievement level of the student and will give reliable information for each student
- Data is individualized to show academic progress, yet can also be analyzed with respect to norms set by NWEA
- The tests are NOT timed. Students will be given as much time as needed to complete each test
- The AVERAGE time required to complete each test is 50 minutes





## Features of MAP

- Computer displays one question at a time
- The test measures academic growth and shows how students are progressing
- The data can be looked at historically from test to test, season to season, and year to year
- Results are received immediately, with preliminary scores given at the end of each test
- Following each testing period, parents will receive a report showing your child's growth



## Benefits of MAP

- All students have the opportunity to succeed because each test is individualized
- Parents and teachers will receive quick, detailed, and accurate information about the student's academic growth
- This assessment is designed to let teachers know where the student's strengths are, and where help is needed
- It will inform parents about their child's academic strengths and needs and assists parents in reinforcing what happens in the classroom
- MAP will also help the student to know what they can be working on to improve the most

# What does MAP look like?

[http://warmup.nwea.org/warmup\\_start\\_educators\\_mpg.html](http://warmup.nwea.org/warmup_start_educators_mpg.html)







## How is MAP scored?

- Each student's progress is reported in RIT (Rasch unit) scores and normative data
- A RIT score is a scale used to measure your child's progress and measures growth over time
- A RIT score is an equal interval scale, much like inches on a ruler, that charts your child's academic growth
- The RIT score is NOT a percentage score, like other tests
- The RIT score enables teachers and parents to understand where to focus attention for optimum learning
- Video Tutorial on reading a child's MAP report -
  - <http://tinyurl.com/readthemap>



## How do teachers use MAP results?

- MAP assessments are important to teachers because they help keep track of progress and growth in basic skills aligned with state standards for individuals and groups
- The results identify students' strengths and challenges in specific areas
- Results are used to inform curriculum and instruction in the classroom



# Where can I find additional information?

- [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org) This website will provide more information on the MAP assessments
- The following websites were recommended by the NWEA -

| Mathematics                                                              | Language Arts/Reading                                                                      |
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| <a href="http://www.aaamath.com">www.aaamath.com</a>                     | <a href="http://www.merriam-webster.com">www.merriam-webster.com</a>                       |
| <a href="http://www.coolmath.com">www.coolmath.com</a>                   | <a href="http://www.vocabulary.com">www.vocabulary.com</a>                                 |
| <a href="http://www.mathleague.com">www.mathleague.com</a>               | <a href="http://www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/words">www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/words</a> |
| <a href="http://www.aplusemath.com">www.aplusemath.com</a>               | <a href="http://www.lexile.com">www.lexile.com</a>                                         |
| <a href="http://www.mathforum.org/dr.math">www.mathforum.org/dr.math</a> |                                                                                            |
| <a href="http://www.edhelper.com">www.edhelper.com</a>                   |                                                                                            |

