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## MAP Testing

St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School will be using Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing this year. Between January 14 and January 25, our students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be taking online tests in the areas of reading, language, math, and science, depending on grade level. These tests will be the second round of MAP tests taken this year. We will also be conducting MAP testing in spring. In this way, we can measure the progress of the students' academic growth during the year. Here are a few other important facts about MAP.

- Testing will take place using Chromebooks or iPads.
- Kindergarten-Grade 2 will use headphones to receive audio help with the tests.
- The tests are adaptive.
  - If a student gets a question correct, the student will then get more difficult questions.
  - If a student gets a question incorrect, the student will then get an easier question.
  - In this way, an accurate measure of the student's academic level will be determined.
- Students are encouraged to give their best effort to help guarantee accurate test results.
- The teachers will be explaining the new test process to the students. The students will be using online Test Warmups to prepare for the actual tests.
- Individual tests will last between 30-60 minutes. The students, however, do not have a time limit.

Here is a link to MAP information for Parents.

<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2016/answers-to-the-top-6-questions-parents-ask-about-the-map-test/>

If you have questions about this new testing process, please contact your child's teacher or me. SPI had used MAP in the past. Several of our teachers have had experience with MAP. As results of the tests become available, they will be shared with you.

God bless!

Mr. Becker