

Mrs. Wilson's Fourth Grade Newsletter

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MAP Test Ahead

It is time again for MAP testing! MAP Growth is our bi-annual, computer-adaptive assessment that guides instruction and is used to assess students on curricular standards in math and reading. Unlike a regular in-class assessment, students cannot study for MAP, and will often be prompted with questions above their grade level as a way to assess understanding, aptitude and ability.

If you are unfamiliar with MAP or would like to find out more, you can learn more about it [here](#).

(<https://www.nwea.org/resource-center/guide/29662/family-guide-to-map-growth.pdf>) Additionally, Mr. Kramer also sent out [this letter](#) (<https://www.guadalupe-school.org/september-24th-newsletter-2/>) explaining parent prep at home.

Dates and times for Fourth Grade Testing are Tuesday, September 29 8:30 (Math) and Thursday, October 1, 8:30 (Reading). We will be in our morning zoom. I'll have the link to the test in our chat. I imagine there will be problems. We'll be calm, have humor and remember we have all month to figure it out.

Students will take the MAP test at home during zoom class. I will monitor progress, and will be available through the **chat box** on Zoom when student questions arise.

How Long Do MAP Tests Take?

- MAPs tests are untimed. However, on average, a MAP test takes a student an hour.
- **For students who take less than 20 minutes on a test**, I may have the student retake the test in a more focused, guided environment.
- For students who need additional time or experience technical glitches, make-up days will be scheduled.

What does MAP testing at home mean for Parents?

- Parents may need to help students get logged in.
- Parents *may* need to help troubleshoot routers and wifi connections and/or problems that arise at home. For a **Device Readiness Check**, go [here](https://teach.mapnwea.org/impl/maptraining/DeviceReadiness/story_html5.html). (https://teach.mapnwea.org/impl/maptraining/DeviceReadiness/story_html5.html)
- Parents will help students with test integrity and will only help with pronunciation on **math** terminology or specific directions indicated by the teacher.
- Parents may need to help students find a place to work with stronger wifi and as minimal distraction as possible.
- Parents will need to confirm that their children are awake, alert and that they have had something healthy to eat to wake up their brain and help with focus.

What does MAP testing at home mean for Students?

- Students will need to pay attention to the alternate schedule next week.
- Students will need to do their best and take their time.
- Students are also encouraged to look at [THIS](#) (<https://studentresources.nwea.org/app/gradetwoplus/gradeTwoPlus.html>) tool and take the practice test to make sure that your system is set up correctly.

What materials will students need?

- Students are **not allowed** additional materials, calculators, textbooks, websites, novels, etc.
- For the **Math MAP**, they will need scratch and a pencil.

Are we nuts?

- Quite possibly. We must proceed with good faith and humor. It will be okay.