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Dear Third-Sixth Grade Families,

Next week your child will begin taking the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level Assessments. **Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and arrives to school on time each day of testing.** A good night of sleep can really help your child do their best!

We know our students are talented and smart, and we know that standardized tests don't capture the full picture of who a student is -- their creativity, curiosity, empathy, and leadership. We know that each of our scholars have grown in many ways this year - intellectually, artistically, socially and emotionally, and academically. The MAP test is one measure we use to help us understand the academic growth of our students. **Thus it is important that all of our 3rd - 6th graders take their time on this important test and do their absolute best.**

Your child's teacher has been working all year to help each student acquire the skills to be successful on this assessment. You have partnered with us to help your child grow and we are so appreciative of your collaboration. Our goal is to ensure that the testing environment is comfortable and encouraging. During testing students may take short breaks as needed. AFIA will provide a special breakfast for scholars on the first day of testing and snacks while they are testing.

Testing will begin in all grades on Tuesday, May 7 and will conclude by Friday, May 31. Students will take the following assessments:

3rd Grade: English Language Arts (ELA) and Math
4th Grade: English Language Arts (ELA) and Math
5th Grade: English Language Arts (ELA), Math and Science
6th Grade: English Language Arts (ELA) and Math

We are striving to encourage, but not overwhelm, our students about doing their best on the MAP test. We will have a spirit day and assembly on Monday, May 6; on this day students are encouraged to wear their favorite sports attire. Additionally, students may dress down on their testing days. Please encourage your child to take their time, check over their answers carefully and do their best. If you have questions about MAP testing, please contact your child's teacher or us. Thank you for all that you do!

Your Partners in Learning,

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