

Nathanial Hawthorne School #25
Parent Teacher Conference Form
Grades K-3

Student _____

Date _____

- NWEA
- AIMSWEB
- STAR - DRA
- Tricky Words / Dolch Sight Words (K-2)
- Domain or Unit Assessments
- SFA
- Peer relationships
- Behavior

What can parents focus on at home?

School 25's Parent Guide to Testing

What are the tests?

NWEA

AIMSweb

STAR Reading

State tests (Grades 3-6)

Domain/Module assessments

How often does my child take these tests?

NWEA—3 times a year (Fall, Winter, Spring)

AIMSweb- benchmarks 3 times a year and progress monitoring based on your child's need.

STAR reading assessments: 3 -4 times a year

State tests - 1 time a year, ELA & Math (Science in 4th grade only)

Domain/Module Assessments: Think *unit* tests. These vary based on grade level and subject.

NWEA: What is it?

- * Measure your child's progress in reading and math (**MAP: Measure of Academic Progress**)
- * Given on the computer
- * Not timed, (about 1 hour)
- * Questions become more difficult as students answer correctly. If the student answers incorrectly the questions become easier.
- * The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.
- * Final score is called a **RIT score** (Rasch unit). RIT scores range from 100-300. A child should progress to a higher RIT from year to year.
- * **Identifies a child's strengths and weaknesses in reading and math.**

AIMSweb: What is it?

- * 3 benchmark tests are given 3 times a year to measure your child's growth in reading and math fluency:
- * **Reading Curriculum Based Measure (R-CBM):** measures your child's reading fluency, or words read correctly in 1 minute.
- * **Math Concepts and Applications (M-CAP):** measures your child's ability to apply math skills to problem solve. (8 minutes long)
- * **Math Computation (M-COMP):** measures your child's ability to solve computation problems at his/her grade level. (8 minutes long).
- * **Progress Monitoring:**
- * Reading and math fluency "probes" are given weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, depending on their score from the benchmarks.

STAR reading test:

- * Reading comprehension test on the computer.
- * Used to place students into leveled reading group and for Accelerated Reader levels.
- * Measures grade equivalency (**GE**) in reading. Example: 2.4 = 2nd grade, 4th month,