Nathanial Hawthorne School #25
Parent Teacher Conference Form
Grades 4-6

Student _____   Date _____

☐   NWEA

☐   AIMSWEB

☐   STAR - DRA

☐   State Tests Domain or Unit Assessments

☐   SFA

☐   Peer relationships

☐   Behavior

What can parents focus on at home?

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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,