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?

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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,