

PEAK PREP PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

I-READY & MAP TESTING

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MONDAY, SEP. 21ST, 9AM

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THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

DEAR FAMILIES,

In the next few weeks, all students at Peak Prep will participate in either i-Ready (Tk-5) or MAP's testing (grades 6-12) or. ***Our 1st assessment window will begin on September 21st and conclude on October 9th.*** Below, you will find information about the two programs and how we will be using them in the classroom.

What is *i-Ready* (Grades TK-5)?

i-Ready is an online program that will help us determine your child's strengths and areas for growth, personalize their learning, and monitor their progress throughout the school year. *i-Ready* allows us to meet your child where they are and provides us with data to inform instruction.

The ***i-Ready Diagnostic*** is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student receives is based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly more challenging questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield marginally easier ones. The purpose of this is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support their learning.

You can also learn more about *i-Ready* by visiting i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter.

What is MAP Testing (Grades 6-12)?

MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade, subject and have the same starting performance level. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

We are genuinely excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://nwea.org/familytoolkit).

What can I do to help?

To help prepare your child for testing, encourage them to:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast on the day of the assessment.
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush.
- Try not to worry about questions they do not know—remind them that it is expected they will only get about half of the questions correct.
- Use paper and pencil to show work for math questions

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your student's learning! I look forward to sharing information with you throughout the year. If you have any questions about either i-Ready or MAP testing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sabrina Ciolino

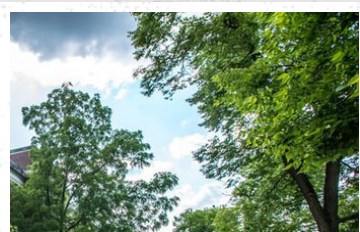
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STUDENT'S WEEKLY LEARNING LOG!**



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