



OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parents,

Enclosed you will find your child's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test results. These tests determine your child's instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year.

MAP tests are unique in that they are adaptive tests your child took on a computer. That means that the test became more difficult the more questions your child answered correctly. When your child incorrectly answered a question, the test became easier. Therefore, your child took a test specifically created for his or her learning level. In addition, your child should have had the opportunity to learn the information presented on the test because the tests are aligned with the district/school curriculum.

Your child's MAP results are reported in **RIT scores**. This is a different type of score than a typical test that provides a percentage correct. It is also different from many tests that provide results based on your child's score compared to others in his or her grade. Instead, the RIT score is an equal-interval scale, like feet and inches, that is independent of grade level. As a result, we can easily measure growth in learning. This type of score increases the value of the tests as a tool to improve student learning because it enables teachers to recognize where to focus attention for your child's learning. Along with the RIT score, we have included the norm RIT score as a frame of reference. The norm RIT score is generated by averaging student scores (apprx. 20,000) from tests that were taken in the same frame of time and grade level. It is important to know that the MAP test is a measure of academic growth that is individualized to help students grow throughout their academic career and an emphasis on scoring above the normative score is not the purpose of this assessment.

I hope you find the enclosed reports informative. If you have questions, please contact your classroom teacher.

For more information please refer to the *Parent Toolkit* located on the Information Portal at olmcschool.org.

Thank you for taking an active interest in your child's education.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Mary Emily, O.P.

Principal