

November 2019



Dear Heather Parents,
As you know through your classroom communications, Heather students, grades 1-3, have taken or will be taking a math benchmark assessment at the end of the first trimester, in November or December. The questions on the assessment are a compilation of math skills and concepts from the chapters taught during the first trimester.

Teachers will be sending home the assessment for parent review. This benchmark assessment test is not a “high stakes” test, but instead is used as a tool for teachers to inform instruction. Teachers will be inputting their students’ assessment results into our data collection system for their own professional development, analyzing student work and achievement, and looking for trends to guide their instruction..

Heather teachers will spend some of their professional development sessions January in grade level teams working with the results of this test, analyzing student work and scores. They will be able to use data charts from Illuminate, our data system, which provides teachers with a lot of information regarding their students and their progress, including which questions were most missed by all students in that grade level, providing teachers information for reteaching and adjusting instruction.

Please be on the look out for this test coming home in the next few weeks, along with your classroom communications. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher.

Best regards,
Pam Jasso
Principal