



CORRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear CASD elementary parent/guardian,

For many years now, Corry Area Intermediate School children in grades 3, 4, and 5 completed a *Study Island Benchmark* Assessment multiple times each school year. Teachers would use the data and information from each child's test to focus future classroom and/or individualized instruction. Please know we are no longer using *Study Island*, and new this year will be *MAP Growth*. This new online assessment will be administered three times during the school year. As a parent/guardian, you are strongly encouraged to visit the [Family Toolkit](#) provided by NWEA, the parent company to MAP Growth.

Over the course of the 2021-22 school year, teachers and administrators researched multiple assessment companies, and we are most pleased with our choice. It is very important for parents to understand that a benchmark assessment provides the student, teacher, and parent a "snapshot" of how your child is performing in relation to end of grade expectations. That said, it is realistic a 4th grade child will not know all 4th grade content on a September assessment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or principal, but know you can always reach out to me as well.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Daum

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Director of Elementary Education