



Cherry Chase Elementary

Using Data to Drive Instruction

Principal's Coffee

January 17, 2025

Every student is known by **name**,
strength, and **need**, ready to excel
in high school and beyond, and
lead a life of joy and purpose.



2024-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4: Students Achieve **Mastery of Core Content Areas**

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SIGNATURE STRATEGY 4.1

Aligned Instructional Best-Practices

Ensure each student access to standards-aligned curriculum and materials; effective tiered instructional practices, including Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and research-validated strategies for targeted student-groups; authentic assessments of student progress; and standards-based continuous professional learning.

SIGNATURE STRATEGY 4.2

Deep Knowledge of Core Content

Engage students in authentic and meaningful tasks that excite their curiosity, imagination, and creativity about the core content areas, and challenge them to apply their learning to new situations.

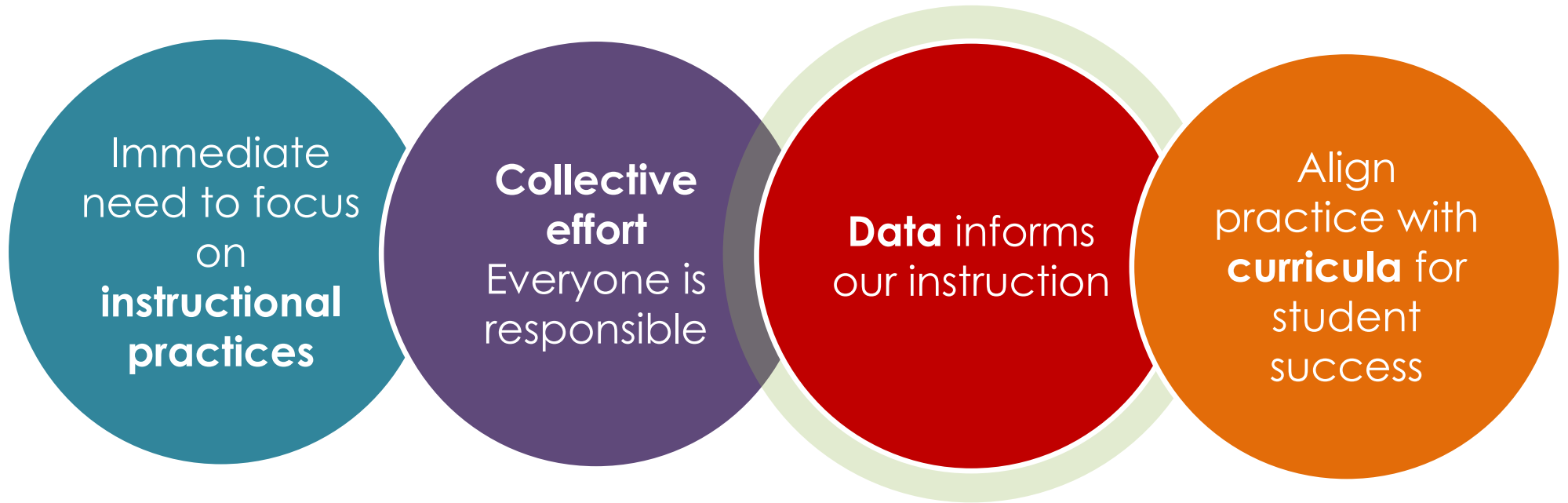
SIGNATURE STRATEGY 4.3

Data-informed Professional Collaboration

Develop a culture of continuous improvement of professional practices through authentic assessments of student progress, consistent engagement in collaborative cycles of inquiry (i.e., “data cycles”) that include instructional planning, monitoring, and evidence-based reflection (e.g., “data summit”).

SSD Strategic Plan





CCE 2024-2025 Instructional Plan



A photograph of a classroom where four young children are sitting on a colorful rug, looking at a large book. The children are of diverse backgrounds. In the background, other children and classroom decorations like a calendar and a whiteboard are visible. The text 'Using Data to Drive Instruction' is overlaid in the center of the image.

Using Data to Drive Instruction



California Assessment of
Student Performance and Progress

California State Assessment
Grades 3-5
English Language Arts & Math
1 time in Spring



District & School Assessment
Grades K-5
English Language Arts & Math
3 times Fall, Winter, Spring

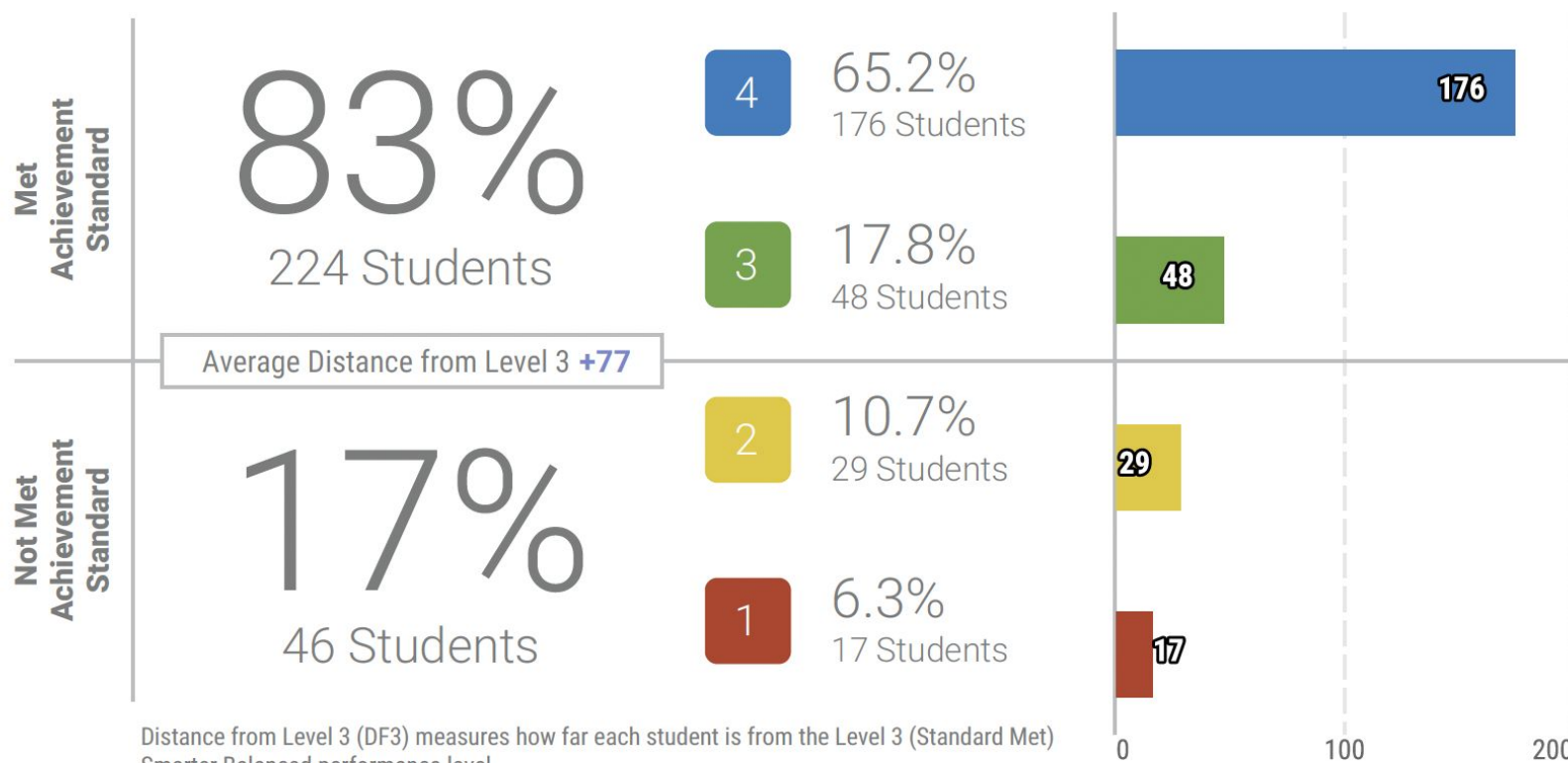
Data tells a story about student learning.

By using assessment data to monitor progress and guide instruction, we ensure every student gets the support they need to grow and succeed.

A photograph of four children in a classroom setting, engaged in a math activity. They are sitting on a green and blue mat on the floor. The boy on the left is wearing a grey shirt, black shorts, and an orange baseball cap, smiling at the camera. The girl next to him is wearing a maroon shirt and black pants, looking down at the mat. The boy in the background is wearing a white shirt and blue pants, looking down at the mat. The girl on the right is wearing a maroon shirt and white pants, looking towards the other children. There are two red dice on the mat. In the background, there are shelves with blue and green storage bins, and a wall with various educational posters and books. The word "Math" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Math

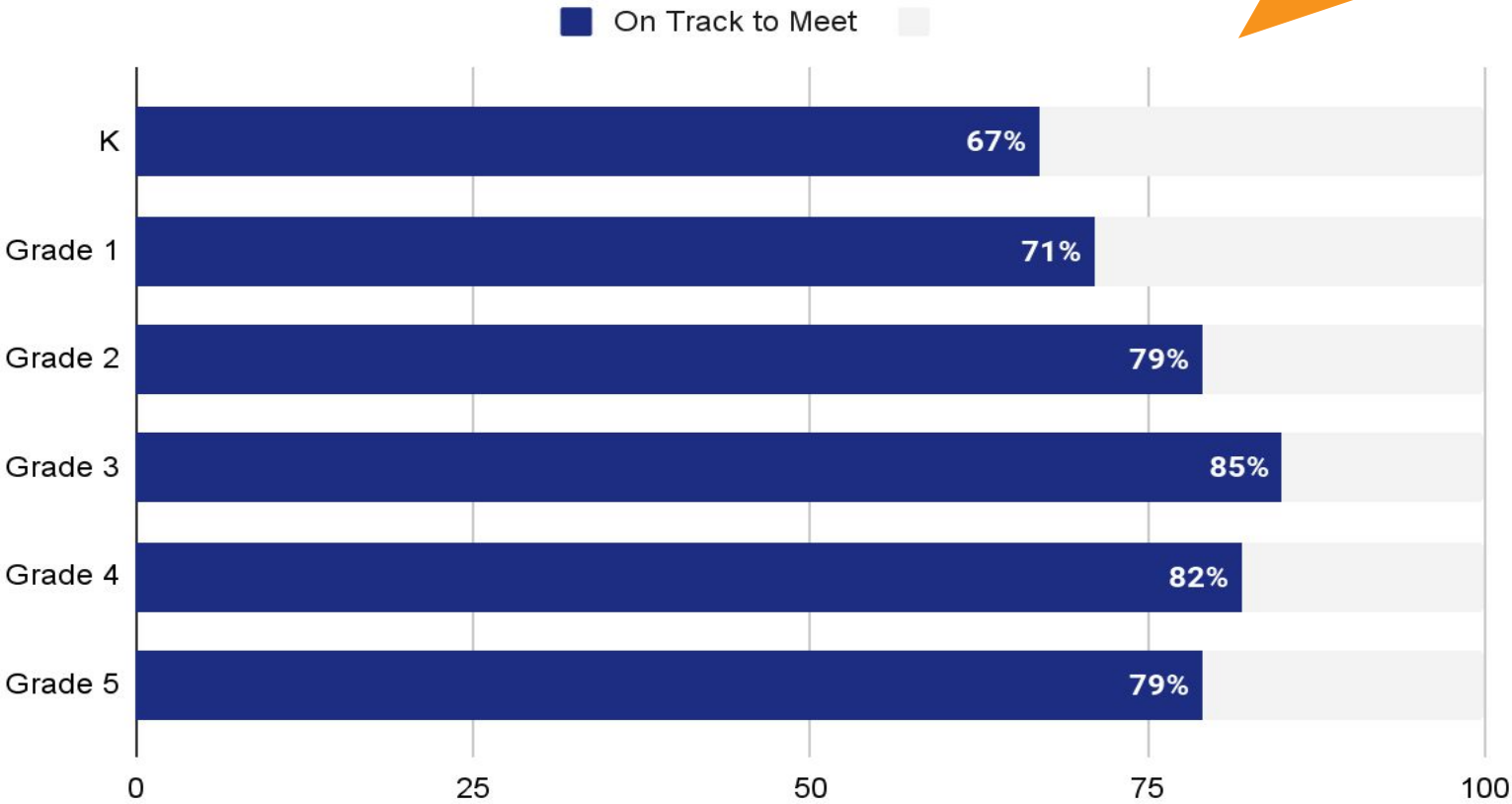
Overall Performance: 270 students





NWEA Math (Grades K-5)

Winter MAP Growth Data shows % of students in each grade level on track to meet standard at the end of the school year.





Math Fall to Winter Benchmark

89%

**All Students K-5
showed growth
from Fall to Winter
in Math**

89%

**English Learners
K-5 showed growth
from Fall to Winter
in Math**

76%

**Hispanic English
Learners K-5
showed growth
from Fall to Winter
in Math**




Illustrative
Mathematics



K-2

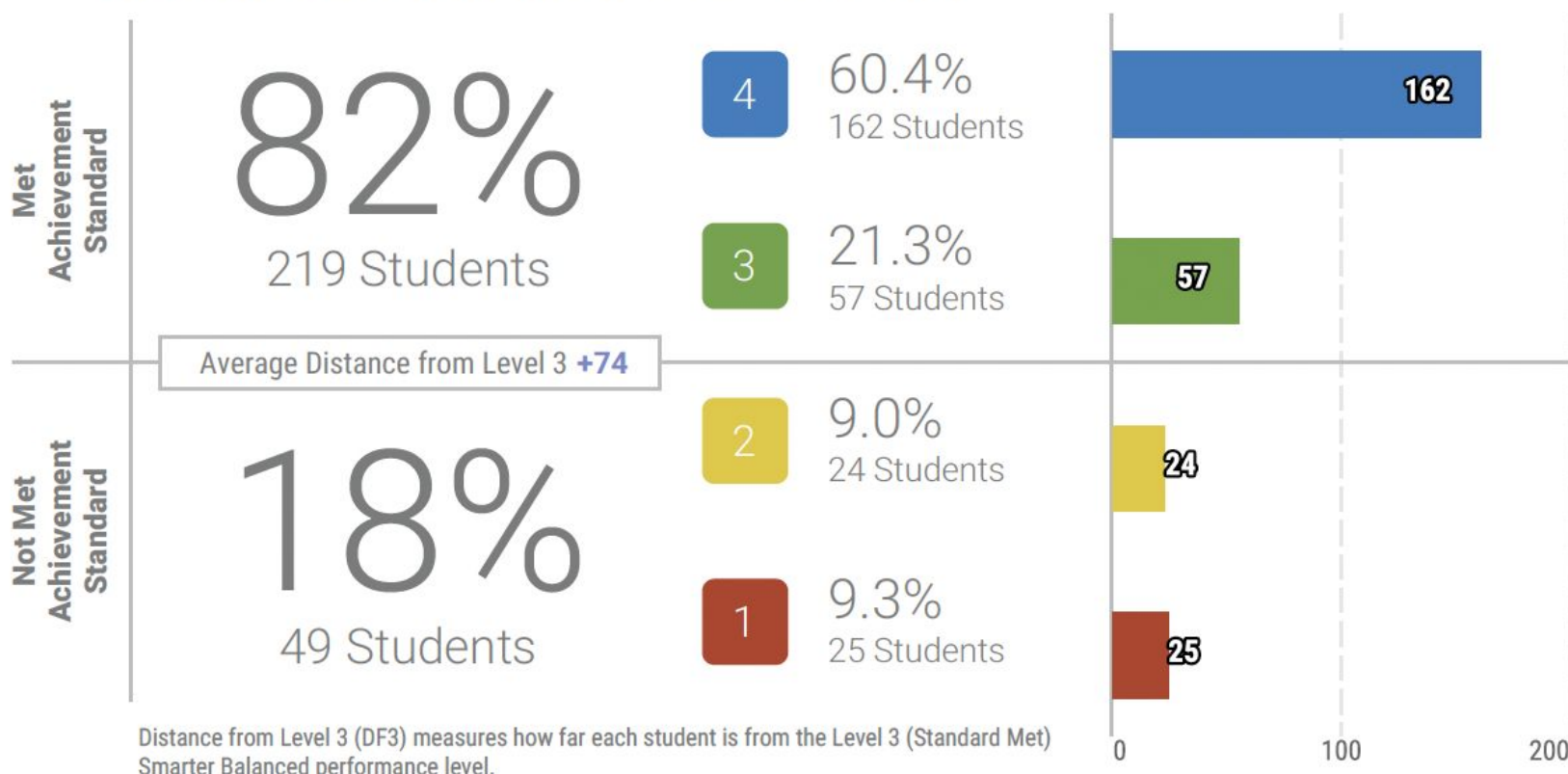


3-5

A young boy with dark hair is sitting in a light blue wicker chair, reading an open book. He is wearing a blue t-shirt with a colorful graphic. The background is a library with tall bookshelves filled with books. To the right, there is a display of children's artwork on a pink and yellow background.

English Language Arts Reading

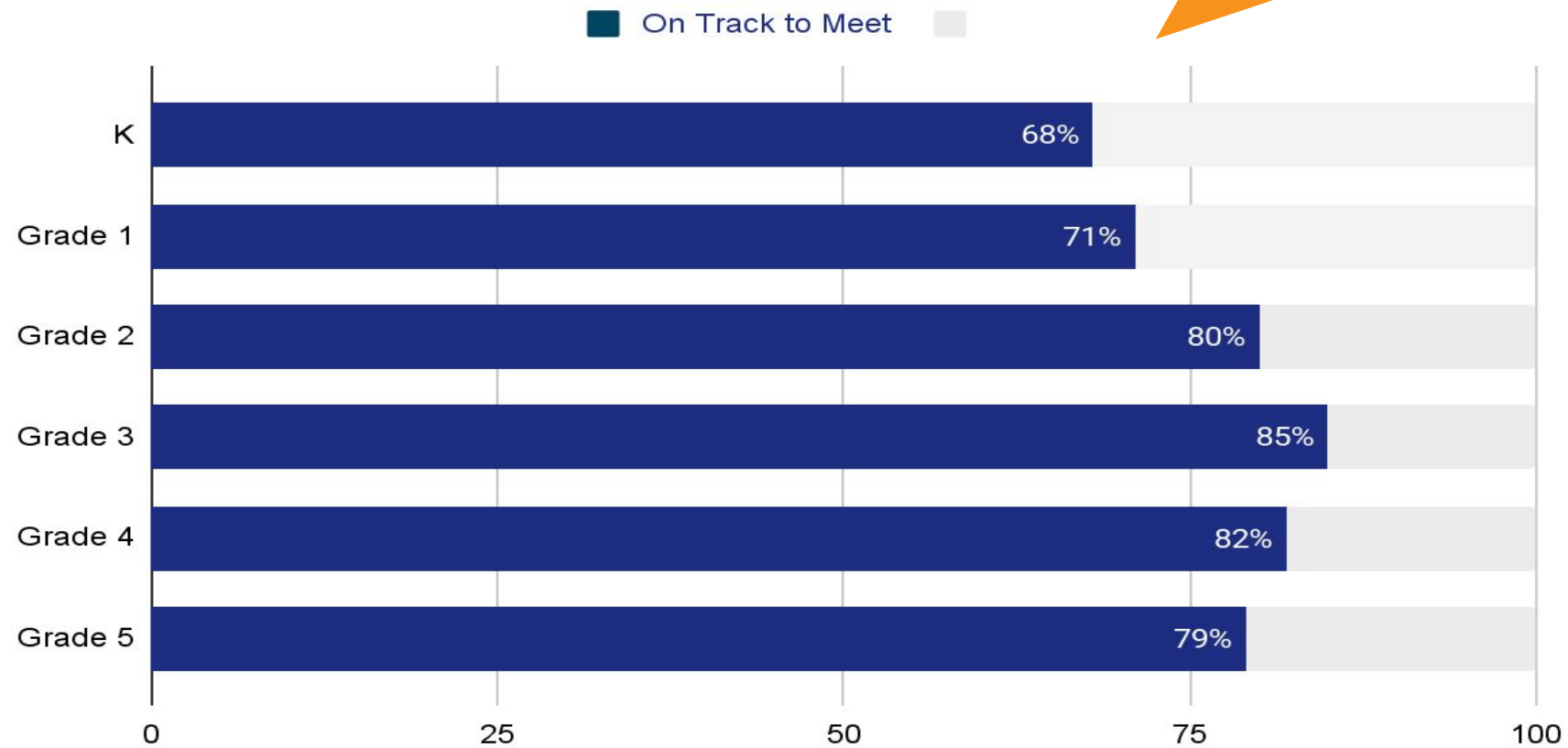
Overall Performance: 268 students





NWEA Reading (Grades K-5)

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Reading Fall to Winter Benchmark K-5

81%

**All Students K-5
demonstrated
growth from Fall to
Winter in Reading**

82%

**English Learners
K-5 demonstrated
growth from Fall to
Winter in Reading**

70%

**Hispanic English
Learners K-5
demonstrated
growth from Fall to
Winter in Reading**



What is Really Great Reading?

Really Great Reading is a research-based program designed to help students develop strong **foundational literacy** skills. It provides engaging, systematic lessons that teach key reading skills like recognizing sounds, decoding words, reading fluently, and understanding vocabulary and text meaning. These skills build a strong foundation for confident, successful reading.

K-2 Foundational Literacy Curriculum



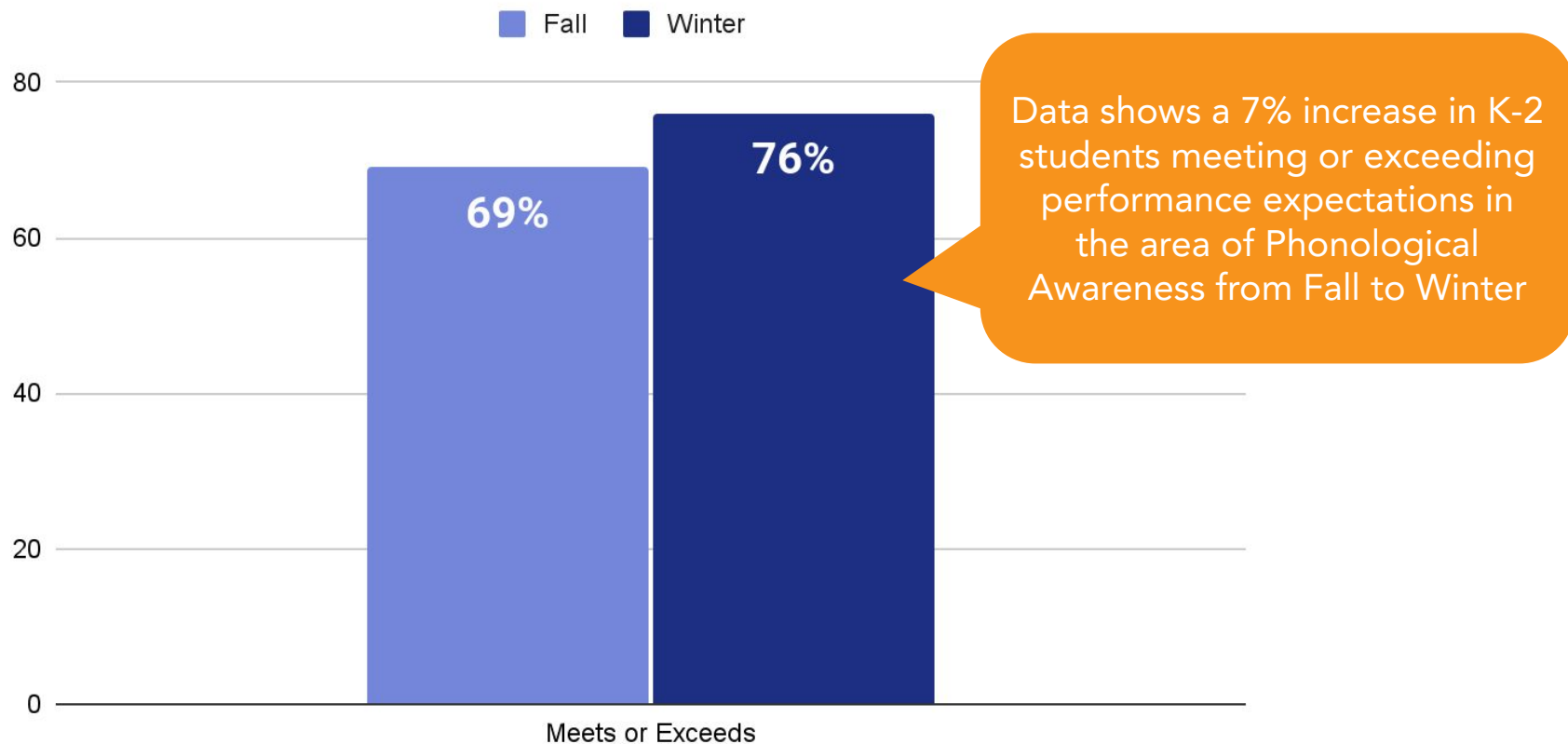
District & School Assessment
Grades K-2
3 times Fall, Winter, Spring

The **NWEA MAP Reading Fluency** assessment measures a student's reading ability, including skills like phonological awareness, decoding, fluency, comprehension, and oral reading.

It provides data to help teachers understand students' reading strengths and areas for growth, guiding instruction to improve literacy skills.

Foundational Literacy K-2 Fall to Winter Benchmark

Phonological Awareness: Measures a student's ability to recognize and manipulate sounds in words, including syllables, rhymes, and individual sounds (phonemes).





Foundational Literacy K-2 Fall to Winter Benchmark

In addition to measurable growth in the area of phonological awareness, students working on foundational literacy skills also demonstrated gains in the following areas:

Listening Comprehension: The ability to match complex spoken sentences to corresponding pictures.

+15%

Sentence Reading Fluency: Measure asking students to read simple sentences and identify the matching picture.

+14%

Picture Vocabulary: The ability to identify pictures based on words spoken aloud.

+2%

Scarborough's Reading Rope



Language Comprehension **LC**

Background Knowledge
facts, concepts, etc.

Vocabulary
breadth, precision, links, etc.

Language Structures
syntax, semantics, etc.

Verbal Reasoning
inference, metaphor, etc.

Literacy Knowledge
print concepts, genres, etc.

Word Recognition **D**

Phonological Awareness
syllables, phonemes, etc.

Decoding
alphabetic principle,
letter-sound correspondences

Sight Recognition
of familiar words

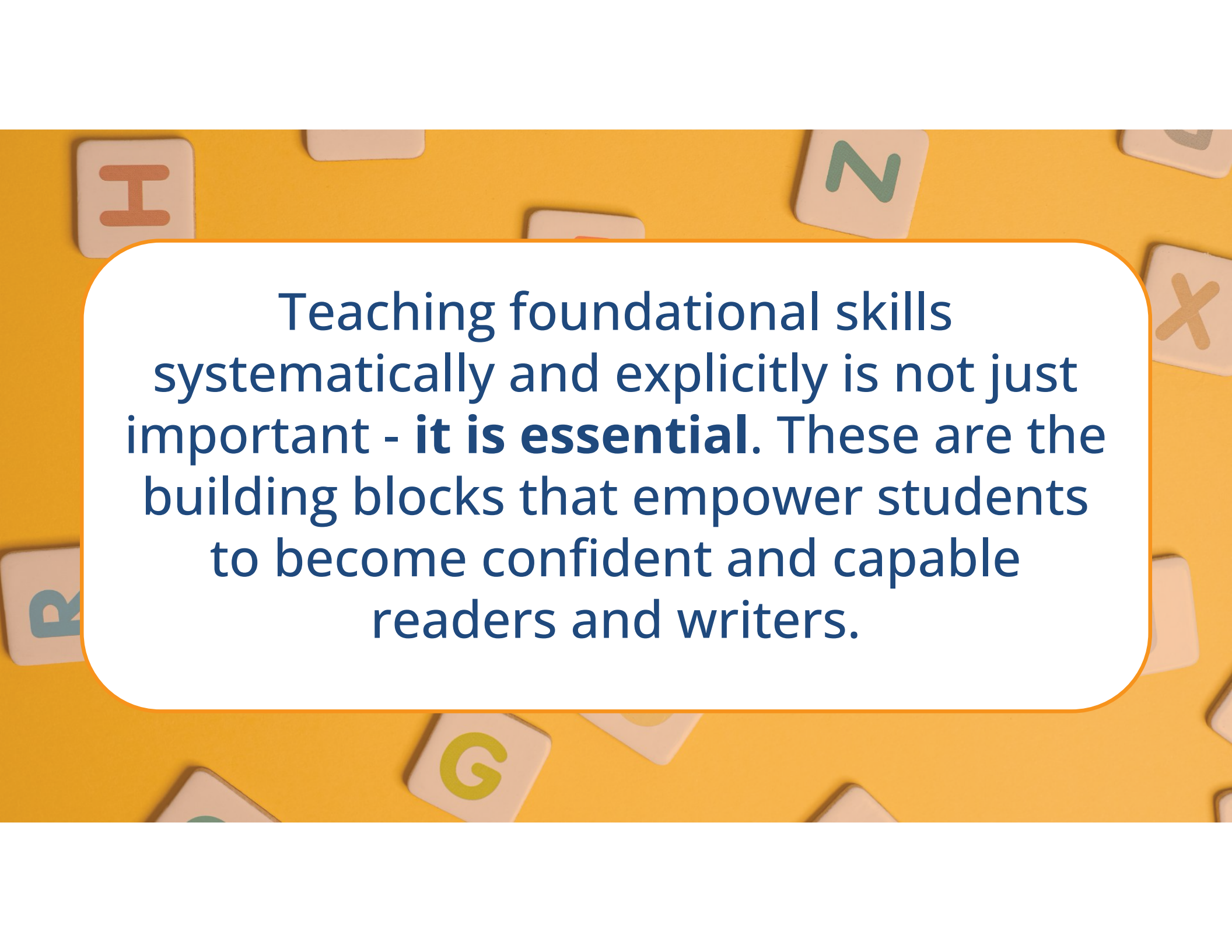
INCREASINGLY STRATEGIC

Skilled Reading **RC**


INCREASINGLY AUTOMATIC

$$\text{LC} \times \text{D} = \text{RC} \quad \text{Fluent word recognition and comprehension.}$$

This interpretation of the Reading Rope incorporates Gough & Tunmer's (1986) Simple View of Reading.

The background is a solid orange color. Scattered across the surface are several light-colored wooden blocks. Some blocks have letters: 'I' (orange), 'N' (green), 'R' (blue), 'G' (yellow-green), and 'X' (orange). Other blocks have symbols: a plus sign and a minus sign. The blocks are slightly raised, creating a subtle 3D effect.

Teaching foundational skills systematically and explicitly is not just important - **it is essential**. These are the building blocks that empower students to become confident and capable readers and writers.

A high-angle photograph of four young children sitting on a colorful geometric-patterned mat, playing with wooden blocks. The children are arranged around a central structure of blocks. One child in a pink shirt is on the left, another in a striped shirt is at the top, a child in a green and white jacket is on the right, and a child with curly hair is at the bottom. The text 'How can I support my student?' is overlaid in the center in white.

How can I support
my student?

FALL 2019

Sample Family Report

What is this report?

A summary of how your child is performing academically, as measured by the most recent MAP® Growth™ test.

What is MAP Growth?

A test that adapts to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level.

Why is my child taking MAP Growth?

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.

What do achievement and growth mean?

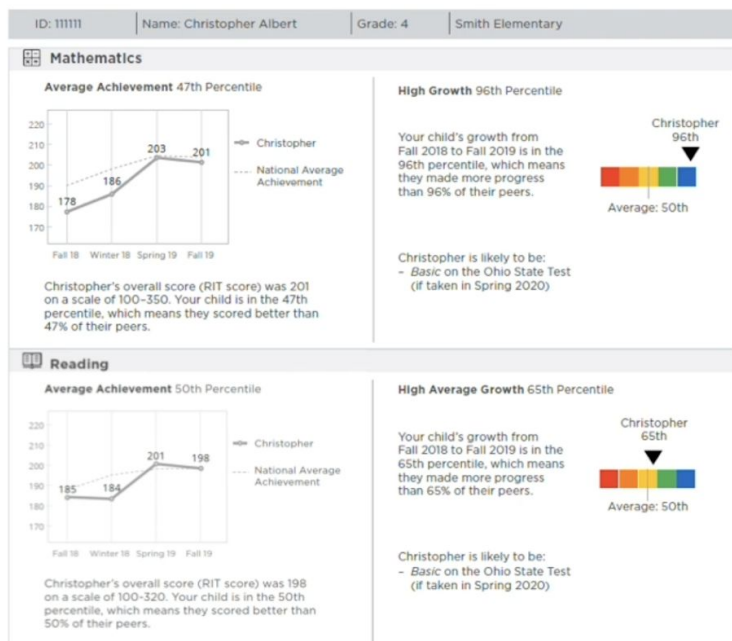
Achievement: How well your child has learned skills in a subject compared to similar students nationwide.*

Growth: A measure of your child's personal progress over the year.

What is a RIT score?

The overall score for a subject based on a Rasch unit (RIT) scale that indicates how your child performed in a subject.

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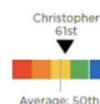
Science

High Average Achievement 75th Percentile



High Average Growth 61st Percentile

Your child's growth from Fall 2018 to Fall 2019 is in the 61st percentile, which means they made more progress than 61% of their peers.



How can I use this information to help my child?

Talk to your child's teacher. Here are some questions you can ask:

- What types of strategies are the teachers using that I may be able to reinforce at home?
- Does my child need extra help in any specific areas?
- How can I help my child's academic growth at home?
- How do you measure my child's learning in your classroom?
- When will my child's progress be measured again, and when can I get an update on my child's academic growth? How is my child doing in comparison to grade-level expectations?
- What will my child be working on to continue growing or grow towards a mastery of grade-level standards?

Where can I get more information?

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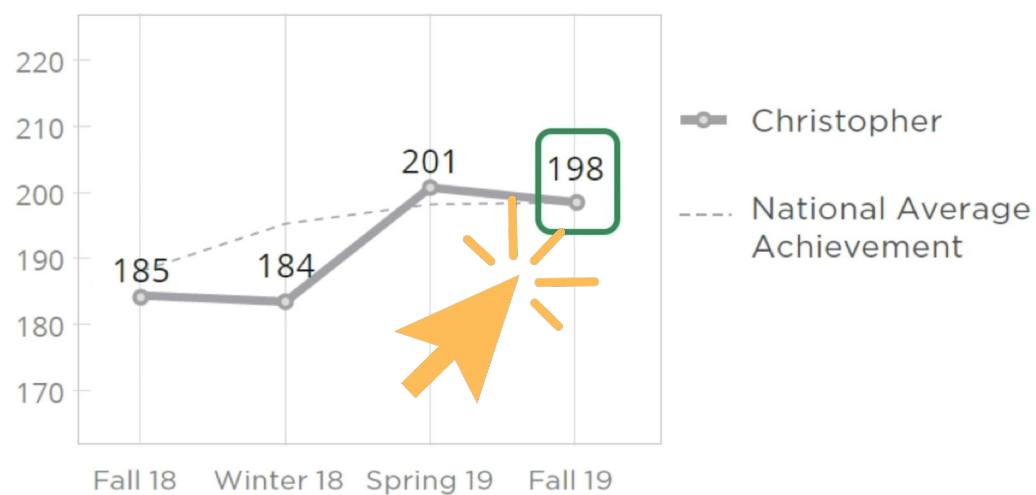
Teachers send home the NWEA Family Report which allows you to see how your student is achieving and growing.

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Reading

Average Achievement 50th Percentile



Christopher's overall score (RIT score) was 198 on a scale of 100-320. Your child is in the 50th percentile, which means they scored better than 50% of their peers.

At Cherry Chase students begin taking the NWEA in Kinder.

Students take the assessment three times a year in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

For each subject your student will receive a score on something that is called the RIT scale. The RIT scale is unique to NWEA and is used to assess students from Kinder through High School. RIT is especially designed to measure growth over time.

The solid line on the graph measures student scores and the dotted line represents the NWEA norms. These are typical scores for each grade level, subject, and season for students across the country.

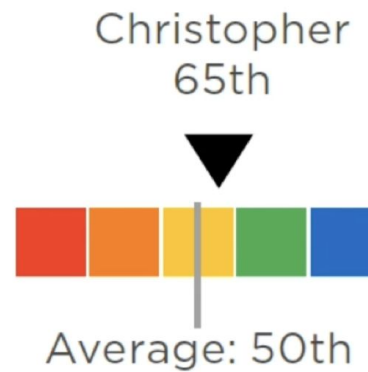
Data is immediate for teachers and families to measure student progress toward goals.

High Average Growth 65th Percentile

Your child's growth from Fall 2018 to Fall 2019 is in the 65th percentile, which means they made more progress than 65% of their peers.

Christopher is likely to be:

- *Basic* on the Ohio State Test (if taken in Spring 2020)



Percentile Ranking Color Key				
← 20	21-40	41-60	61-80	81 →

[A Guide to MAP Growth](#)

The NWEA provides a snapshot during the year to see how students are progressing toward standard.

The growth section of the report shows that this student is at the 65th percentile for growth in reading. Which means he grew as much or more than 65% of students across the country.

The report may also include projections which tell you how your student is likely to perform on future assessments like the state test.

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The end of the report lists questions that you as a family can ask your child's teacher. Consider using these questions to guide conversations with your classroom teacher.

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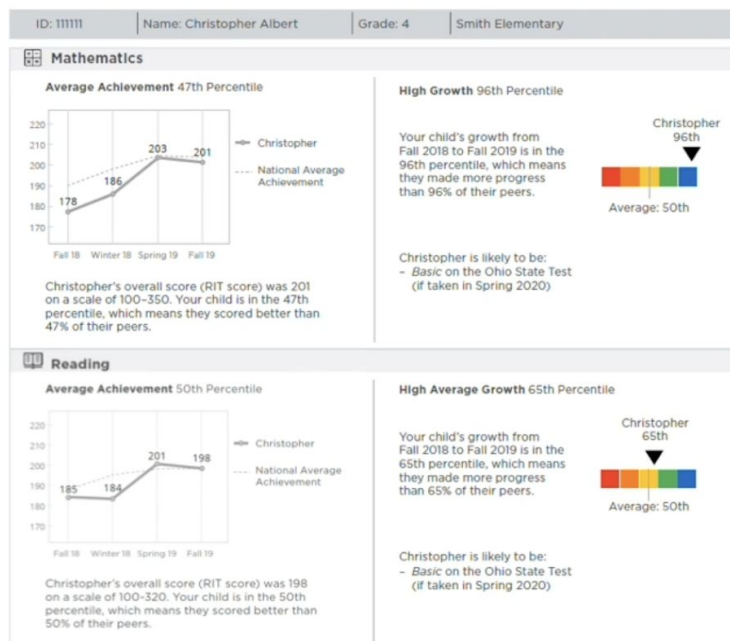
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Dear Family,

Enclosed, you will find MAP® Growth™ Family Report, which summarizes how your child is performing academically, as measured by the most recent MAP Growth test your child has taken. These tests and 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 adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's knowledge. 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 more complete picture of where your child is on their learning journey—regardless of whether they are 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 in similar skills and topics and then plan instruction accordingly.


Your child's MAP Growth results are represented as **RIT scores**. RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. This stable scale allows teachers to accurately measure each student's academic growth throughout the school year and over time.

We hope you find these reports informative. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

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Sincerely,

Cherry Chase Elementary Team



**“Education is the
passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs
to those who prepare
for it today.”**

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