



Learning and Support Services

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Rockwood annually provides STAR Math and STAR Reading assessments to understand what students know and are ready to learn. These assessments offer insight to support students with areas of need or enrichment. Due to our school closures this past spring, we were unable to offer our Reading and Math assessments with STAR.

Within the next few weeks, your child will participate in our first-ever remote administration of assessments to inform teachers about his/her instructional needs. The information from these assessments helps teachers individualize instruction and learning for all students. Results will not be used as part of the grade but to support student learning and growth. We will be sending copies of the reports home via email once testing has been completed.

With this being the first remote administration of STAR assessments, we are asking for your partnership in helping provide your child with an environment that is conducive for working independently. Your child's classroom teacher will let you know the directions and dates associated with the assessments. To avoid potential difficulties related to internet connectivity, the classroom teacher will be providing the directions and expectations during a live Zoom call. We are asking that an adult be present during assessments to assist with any technical difficulty and provide encouragement throughout the assessment. We also ask that you avoid helping your child answer test questions to ensure we receive accurate results that can be used to support your child's learning.

FALL Windows

- **August 25-September 11, 2020 (grades 6-8) STAR Math & STAR Reading**
 - (Excluding Alg 1, Alg 2, Geometry)
- **August 25-September 11, 2020 (grade 9) STAR Reading**

The STAR assessments consist of computer-adaptive items designed to provide feedback on student performance and learning. Each STAR assessment takes approximately 25 minutes to complete. For additional information regarding standardized testing in Rockwood, please visit <https://www.rsdmo.org/departments/assessment/testing/Pages/STAR-Testing-20-21.aspx>. If you have any questions about your child's results - or if you need additional information on your child's academic performance - please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Glenn Hancock
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