In an effort to help virtual MAP testing go smoothly next week, please take a moment with your classes to go through the following 'readiness' items to ensure testing is 'somewhat' error free next week. : -)

The 'Prior to Test Day' steps will ensure their system is able to complete the test. Please be sure to complete the practice test with your class before testing.

The 2 most common errors are **screen resolution** and **pop up blocker**. Please review the ways to adjust the screen resolution and pop up blocker <u>before</u> testing begins on Thursday morning. It will make everyone's life be better if the children are 'technically' ready to go.

Feel free to paste this information in your classes and have them do it as an assignment if it helps. :-)

Test Preparation

Prior to Test Day

- 1. Make sure your device has an internet connection
- 2. Disable pop-up blocking on your internet browser
- 3. Make sure your device meets testing requirements using the <u>Workstation</u> <u>Diagnostic Tool</u>
- 4. Make sure your child has headphones
- 5. Watch the MAP Growth introduction video
- 6. Practice the test at practice.mapnwea.org (Username: grow, Password: grow)

On Test Day

- 1. Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible
- 2. Provide a quiet testing environment
- 3. Allow the teacher/proctor to open the session first
- 4. Log in at <u>test.mapnwea.org</u>
- 5. Make sure you have a way to communicate with the teacher/proctor during the test
- 6. Follow any additional instructions from the teacher/proctor

iPads

Prior to Test Day (iPads)

- 1. Make sure your iPad has an internet connection
- 2. Make sure your iPad meets testing requirements using the <u>Workstation</u> <u>Diagnostic Tool</u>
- 3. Make sure the NWEA Secure Testing app is installed on your iPad
- 4. Make sure your child has headphones
- 5. Watch the MAP Growth introduction video
- 6. Practice the test at <u>practice.mapnwea.org</u> (Username: grow, Password: grow)

On Test Day

- 1. Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible
- 2. Provide a quiet testing environment
- 3. Allow the teacher/proctor to open the session first
- 4. Make sure you have a way to communicate with the teacher/proctor during the test
- 5. Follow any additional instructions from the teacher/proctor

Screen Solution

- 1. Verify that your screen resolution is set to 1024x768 or higher. If either dimension is below the minimum, this error will occur.
- 2. If the student is not using the NWEA Secure Testing Browser, maximize the browser window, zoom out (Ctrl -), and refresh the page.
- 3. Windows: Set the text scaling to 100 percent. See <u>Change the text size or DPI on Windows</u>.
- 4. **Chromebook**: Reset the screen resolution with the keyboard shortcut Ctrl + Shift + 0 (zero), then close and relaunch the testing app. For more information, see <u>Zoom in or magnify your Chromebook screen</u>.
- 5. iPad using Safari: Disable the Request Desktop Version option in the Safari settings. To do this, go to Settings > Safari > Request Desktop Website and toggle the setting off. Alternatively, use the NWEA Secure Testing app. No special settings are required to use the NWEA Secure Testing app. See <u>About the NWEA Secure Testing app for iPad</u>.

Disable pop-up blocking

- Chrome: Click the Menu icon to the right of the address bar (it is the icon with three vertical dots).
 Select Settings > Advanced > Privacy and Security > Site Settings > Pop-ups and redirects. Either toggle the Blocked option, or add [*.]mapnwea.org to the Allow list.
- Firefox (Windows): Click the Menu icon to the right of the address bar (the icon with three parallel lines.) Select Options, then go to the Privacy & Security tab. Clear the Block pop-up windows checkbox, or click Exceptions... then add <u>https://test.mapnwea.org</u> to the list of allowed websites
- Firefox (Mac OS X): From the menu, select Firefox > Preferences > Content. Clear the Block pop-up windows checkbox.
- Safari:
- Safari 11: From the Safari menu, select Preferences, then the Security tab. Clear the Block pop-up windows check box.
- Safari 12: Right-click in the address bar and select Settings For This Website. Change the Pop-up Windows selection to Allow.
- iPad: Settings > Safari > Block Pop-ups. If the slider is green, turn it off by swiping to the left.