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Dear Mill Hill Families,

Please see the following regarding Fairfield Public Schools Fall Standards Based Assessments:

The testing window for the fall administration of the district math and language arts screening tools has begun. The tests are administered three times a year (fall, winter, spring) as part of the district's Scientific Research-Based Intervention (SRBI) plan. These assessments are adaptive, and will adjust according to student responses. The questions are designed to identify students' strengths, weaknesses, and provide teachers the necessary performance information to help guide instructional decisions.

The mathematics assessment, i-Ready, will take place during the weeks of September 21 – October 2, 2015. All students in Grades 1-5 will be taking this test during this time period. Kindergarten students will be taking iReady in the winter and spring. i-Ready assesses students across four domains: **Algebra and Algebraic Thinking, Measurement and Data, Number and Operations, and Geometry. (Kindergarten focuses on foundational skills.)** The assessment provides data depicting demonstration of knowledge for individual students in addition to indications of what they are ready to learn.

The STAR reading assessment will take place during the weeks of September 28, 2015 - October 9, 2015. All students in grades 3-5 will be taking this assessment. This assessment provides valid, reliable and actionable data related to reading. This is the first year the Fairfield Public School District is utilizing this assessment. The STAR test will take about 20-30 minutes for each administration and we will be adding Grades K-2 later in the year.

These assessments are used to inform instruction and assist the district in monitoring the effectiveness of our curricula in reading and mathematics. The scores for your students will be posted on Infinite Campus in the form of percentile rank. These assessments are normed nationally and are only one tool we utilize to improve and inform instruction. These assessments are not used to determine grades on the Fairfield Public School District progress reports.

