

October 16, 2020

Dear Harrison Families,

Your children will participate in online English Language Arts and Math Benchmark assessments over the next two weeks. Additional information with specific dates/times and directions for accessing the test will be provided to your children by their teachers.

The results from the benchmark assessment are for instructional purposes only and will provide important information to your children's teacher about strengths and weaknesses for upcoming lessons. Please note this assessment is only one of the multiple measures we use to make instructional decisions.

We appreciate your assistance in creating a secure testing environment by:

- Providing a quiet space with limited interruptions where your children can work independently for about 60 minutes (typical testing time is between 45-55 minutes).
- Reminding your children that they are not permitted to search the internet or use other offline resources to help answer questions.
- Refraining from coaching and providing your children assistance of any kind.
- Not allowing access to a calculator for Math.
- Ensuring that your children on ON CAMERA for the duration of the assessment.

Logistical information related to taking the *LinkIt Benchmark Assessment*.

- The test can be accessed from any device, including desktops, laptops, Chromebooks, tablets, or phones (not encouraged due to screen size) that are connected to the internet. If applicable, your children should use a school-issued device.
- If possible, your children should use the Google Chrome browser. If you don't currently use this browser, you can download it for free.
- Your children will log into <u>test.linkit.com</u>. Teachers will provide a test code and will be providing all the specific information needed.
- Additional information can be found using this <u>Guidance Video</u>.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions, please contact your children's teachers.

Sincerely, Cynthia Healy