



Oradell Public School District

Our children, our hope, our future

May 29, 2020

Dear OPS 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Families,

Next week, your child will participate in *Linkit!* online English Language Arts and/or Math assessments. The assessments are similar to the tests children took in the classroom during the fall and winter.

You may be wondering why we are choosing to administer these assessments remotely during these unprecedented times. While we know that our students are showing signs of tiring, we believe it is crucial to have as much information as we can on their current performance levels going into the summer. This way we can make deliberate plans for the fall. For example, we may find that students were able to strongly grasp interpreting graphs during remote learning; however, protractor skills were harder to master and thus we want to add that skill to the beginning month of school. We may find that our 3rd graders' performance is on par with past years; however, our 5th graders have gaps that we want to ensure we have the time to fill, which may mean altering our master schedule. None of the data we gather will be used for class placement purposes or as a single evaluation method for students. We are looking for data trends that will help us create the best plan for individual and groups of students moving forward.

It is paramount that you allow your child to do this as independently as they can. If they need to guess, that's fine. We need accurate data if we are going to help our students grow. To ensure that we can provide assistance, all students will join a Zoom Meeting (or Google Meet) with their teacher prior to logging into the online assessment. Their teacher will help them login and will assist with any questions they have during the testing time using either a Breakout room or the chat feature. (We anticipate the biggest struggle for students may be having two windows open at the same time on their screen and have practiced this with them.)

Below is a list of times when your child will be assessed:

- 3rd Grade
 - MATH - Tuesday, 6/2 @ 9:30 AM
 - ELA - Thursday, 6/4 @ 9:30 AM
- 4th Grade
 - MATH - Monday, 6/1 and Tuesday, 6/2 @ 1:00 PM
 - ELA – Wednesday, 6/3 and Thursday, 6/4 @ 10:00 AM
- 5th Grade
 - MATH - Monday, 6/1 and Tuesday, 6/2 @ 10:00 AM
 - ELA – Wednesday, 6/3 and Thursday, 6/4 @ 1:00 PM
- 6th Grade
 - MATH - Monday, 6/1 during their Math Class
 - ELA - Will not be assessed at this time

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

- Providing a quiet space with limited interruptions where your child can work independently.
- Reminding your child that he/she is not permitted to search the internet or use other offline resources to help answer questions.
- Refraining from coaching your child.
- Not allowing access to a calculator for Math.

Logistical information related to your child's taking the *Linkit! At Home Assessment*:

- The test can be accessed from any device (desktop, laptop, Chromebook, tablet, or phone -- not encouraged due to screen size) that is connected to the internet.
- If possible, your child should use the Google Chrome browser. If you don't have it, you can download it for free.
- Your child will login to test.linkit.com. Teachers will provide a test code and will be providing all the specific information needed.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or you have a testing problem, please contact your child's assistant principal:

- Mr. Hagopian for grade 3 @ hagopianm@oradellschool.org
- Mrs. Hawley for grades 4-6 @ hawleym@oradellschool.org

Sincerely,

The OPS Administrative Team