



March 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In September and January, Indian Prairie Community Unit School District 204 administered the *aimswEBPlus* benchmark assessments to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. These brief Illinois Learning Standards aligned assessments evaluate academic performance and growth in the areas of early literacy/reading and early numeracy/mathematics. The final administration of these benchmark assessments will be in May. The purpose of these assessments is to evaluate student academic growth toward end of year expectations.

Specifically, depending on grade level, literacy measures assess vocabulary, phonological awareness, word recognition, reading comprehension and reading fluency; and numeracy measures assess number sense, operations, algebraic thinking, measurement/data, geometry, fractions and ratios/proportions. These areas of performance are summarized in an overall early literacy/reading and early numeracy/mathematics score.

Your child's district percentile rank in these academic areas will be available within the Home Access Center on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 4:00pm CST at

<https://hacipe.sungardk12saas.com/HomeAccess/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fHomeAccess>. Specifically, go to the *Grades* area and *Test Scores* tab. Please note that the average range extends from the 16th to 84th percentile rank; variations in your child's scores should be interpreted in the context of other indicators of academic performance including daily classroom work, teacher observation, historic academic performance, etc.

Paper copies of individual student reports will be available upon request. The May benchmark results will be available in June. Lastly, these assessment results are used by teachers and administrators to assist with instructional planning and differentiation at the grade, classroom and student level.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's *aimswEBPlus* results, please contact the school principal.

Regards,

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