Dear Parents –

We just finished taking the first of two practice MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) tests and I wanted to share your child’s results with you.

**One thing to remember as you look them over**

The test is written as an end of the year assessment. It tests your child on what they are expected to know before they leave 3rd grade (MN state standards). However, I choose to take the first practice test now to gauge where they are at, what areas we need to focus on and how we (you and I) can help to meet their goal. So please remember, they took this test with only a few weeks of instruction. Skills like division, fractions, graphing, and measuring which are heavily tested in 3rd grade have yet to be introduced. Scores can only get better!

**What all those numbers mean**

The main number you want to focus on is a number in the 300’s (3 stands for 3rd grade). A “Meeting State Standards” (passing) score is equivalent to 350 and above.

301 – 339 – Does not meet state standards

340 – 349 – Partially meets state standards

**350 – 359 – Meets state standards**

**360 – 399 – Exceeds state standards**

There is also a “Scale Score” found on the right side of the sheet. It is broken up into 4, hopefully familiar sections: **Number and Operation, Algebra, Geometry and Data Analysis.** These sections are also found on your child’s MAPS test and all over our classroom. The lower the number, 1 being the lowest, 9 the best, tells us which areas they excelled in or need improvement to help boost their score.

The section with the most questions (and most weight) by far is: Number and Operation (+, - . x , /, fractions, story problems)

I have started to put together a ton of resources/games that will help your child in their specific area of need. It is a work in progress but should be a helpful tool.

[www.mrschiffler.weebly.com](http://www.mrschiffler.weebly.com) and then click on the math resources tab.

Please call me 320.241.2015 (cell) or email with any questions about the results or the test it self. We take the final MCA test the first week of May, so lots of time to get them what they need!

Thanks again for all your support,

Mr. Schiffler