Greetings from Dr. Gleeson,

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This document will help you prepare your child to take the Interim Assessments:

* K-6th students will take Benchmark Interim Assessments in ELA
* 7th-8th students will take DataMate Interim Assessments in ELA
* K-8th students will take DataMate Interim Assessments in math

Please be available at the following times to support your child’s testing:

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| **What are Interim Assessments?** | | |
| http://www.benchmarkadvance.com/images/logo.png  The Benchmark and DataMate Interim Assessments helps teachers understand what students know today, so goals can be set to improve growth throughout the year. **Students cannot pass or fail this test.** | **These assessments will not affect grades.** In fact, it’s normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. **Please don’t help them!** | Given the challenges of learning from home, assessment results are especially helpful for us this year. **These results will help us know what students are ready to learn.** |

**Test Preparation**

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| Prior to Test Day   1. Make sure your device has an internet connection 2. Disable pop-up blocking on your internet browser | On Test Day   1. Minimize distractions for your child as much as possible 2. Provide a quiet testing environment 3. Allow the teacher/proctor to open the session first 4. Log in to Clever, then find the Benchmark or DataMate icon. 5. Follow any additional instructions from the teacher/proctor |