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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child participated in the LinkIt Benchmarking assessment in January. The LinkIt Benchmark assessments provide immediate feedback to help our teachers develop targeted instructional activities and lessons, as well as measure growth and mastery toward standards/concepts covered during the first few months of school. The Individual Student Report details your child's current progress on reaching the **end-of-year** expectations on select New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Your child's Individual Student Report is now available under the "Documents" tab in the Genesis Parent Portal. The report details how your child performed on this measure.

Parents should not necessarily be alarmed by scores that are lower in comparison to the more common end-of-unit or chapter tests. Remember, mastery of ALL the standards is not expected until the end of the school year. Right now, your child's teacher is using these results in combination with other classroom assessments and information to refine areas of instruction and set goals for the whole class, small groups, and even your individual student(s). As a school, we look at overall trends in grade level results to help our staff measure growth on specific standards and our overall curriculum.

As a parent, you can use this report to encourage your child to practice specific standards using the variety of online tools (RAZ Kids, ST Math, Reflex Math, IXL, etc.) that your child has access to. Your child's teacher may also have additional suggestions for at-home practice. When reviewing the reports, please be sure to note the areas of strength and identify the areas for potential growth for your child, as well as the areas in which your child has shown progress. Remember that some areas of the curriculum have not yet been taught, so there are some areas where you will see lower scores; that is expected. The growth and strengths should be celebrated.

Students will take the final LinkIt! assessment at the end of May/start of June. We will share those results with you as well in Genesis.

Should you have any questions about the report, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

MERS Administration