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Dear Parents,

The STAR testing window is now upon us! As you may know, we use Star Assessments to help teachers understand what students know and are ready to learn. Students take Star tests four times during the school year, and teachers typically give this test while students are in school. Because we are currently unable to be in the school building, students will be taking the Star test while at home.

Your child's teacher will schedule a time for the assessment and will monitor your child while they take the test using Zoom. An adult should be available during this testing time to help your child log-in and ensure they are on task and trying their best. We ask that you please avoid helping your child answer test questions – the best help is no help.

### **Preparation for Screening Window Star Remote Testing**

- Students will use their Clever log-in to access the Star Assessments.
  - Test(s) student will take include:
    - **1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Early Literacy
    - **2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Star Math, and Star Reading
- It may be helpful to watch this short video with your child which explains the purpose of Star, how to prepare for the assessment, and how to login. You can access the video [here \(clickable link\)](#)
- Here are the technical requirements for accessing Renaissance Star at home:

Supported Devices	Supported Web Browsers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laptops</li><li>• Desktops</li><li>• Tablets – 7 inches or larger</li><li>• Chromebooks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Windows – Firefox, Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium</li><li>• Macintosh – Safari 7 and later, Firefox, Chrome</li><li>• <b>Please note that Renaissance is NOT supported by Internet Explorer</b></li></ul>
Technical Recommendations by Renaissance can be accessed <a href="#">here (clickable link)</a>	

### **During Screening Window Remote Testing**

- Prior to beginning the test, we recommend that students use the restroom and get a drink of water if needed. Students should silence any phones or other distractions and place their phones out of reach.
- Please ensure that your child has the materials ready for testing. Materials include: headphones for Early Literacy testing, paper and pencil for Star Math.
- Then allow your child to complete their assessment(s) to the best of their ability. This will help inform the teacher's future instructional planning to support the needs of the class and each learner.

Thank you for your partnership as we work together to support our students.

Blessings~  
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