

# Weekly Message from North Canaan Elementary School

## Friday, December 18, 2020

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*Happy Holidays!!*



***Fun for the Holidays:*** Let's finish the calendar year with some fun.

- Monday we will wear our holiday or favorite socks.
- Tuesday wear a holiday or favorite sweater.

***Pick-up for Students Learning at Home:*** We are planning a special activity at the end of the day Tuesday. Families of students learning at home please plan to come to school either Monday or Tuesday for a special pick-up. You can also pick up report cards.

***NCES Family Check-In:*** We have just one more Family Check-In form this year. Let me know if there is any help that we might be able to provide in these final few days of 2020. I will be updating the form with different questions for January.

***Report Cards:*** Students are going home with report cards today!

***Assessment Overview:*** I want to be certain you are aware of the following information regarding our assessments. Three times per year all students in grades K-8 will take the FastBridge assessment. These universal screening assessments replace the STAR and AIMSweb assessments given in past years. FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) is an assessment suite developed by the University of Minnesota. FastBridge has been adopted by schools in 37 states and has over 14 million users.

The following is the breakdown of which grades will receive which assessments:

- Students in grades K and 1 will take the **FAST earlyReading/earlyMath** assessments. These assessments are individually administered one-on-one at a developmentally appropriate level.
- Students in grades 2-8 will take the **FAST aReading and aMath** assessments. These computer assessments adapt to your child's level of learning based on her/his performance. Students may take other brief subtests as needed to provide information for instruction and/or intervention.
- Students in grades 2-8 will also take the **mySAEBRS** assessment. This is a brief tool for universal screening of student risk for social-emotional and behavioral problems. Students who score "some risk" or "at-risk" will meet with the counselor or psychologist to review questions and ensure the validity of results. If concerns remain, parents will be contacted.

FAST assessments help us determine your child's instructional level and allow us to measure reading/math growth. The mySAEBRS assessment measures social-emotional needs. We will use this information to plan for instruction as well as intervention. More information can be found at [www.fastbridge.org](http://www.fastbridge.org). If you have specific questions, please feel free to direct them to your child's teacher or to me.

***You can always reach me at [aroy@nceschool.org](mailto:aroy@nceschool.org) or (860) 824-5149.***

Stay Safe and Well throughout the Holiday Season,

Dr. Roy

Principal