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Dear Families,

Happy Fall! We hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather we have been having!

This school year, teachers have been administering baseline reading assessments to better understand their students' strengths and how best to support their growth. Teachers will use the results from these assessments to plan their instruction and design comprehensive strategies for supporting students' academic development throughout the year.

We are utilizing the Fountas & Pinnell Running Record as our reading level assessment. The Measure of Student Learning (MOSL) assessment window closes on October 26. Your child's progress will be shared with you at Parent Teacher Conferences in November.

As part of the Fountas & Pinnell MOSL beginning of the year and end of year assessments, the New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE) requires the use of the fiction text set during these two windows. Therefore these texts are considered secure testing materials. As a result, in March, your child's reading level on his/her report card will reflect his/her reading level of nonfiction texts.

Since the NYC DOE MOSL mandates us to assess using fiction texts and students will be tested using nonfiction mid-year, we understand that there could be a discrepancy in certain cases regarding reading growth. Please rest assured that despite this, teachers are continuously assessing student learning throughout the year using various measures.

If you have questions or concerns about these assessments, please contact our Testing and Data Coordinator, Jenni-Ann Selvaggi.

We are confident that these assessments will serve as a powerful tool for improving teaching and learning in our school to best prepare our students for success in college and career.

Sincerely,

Steven Schwartz, Principal