



Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District

Office of Instruction

Michael S. Muscarella
Interim Director of Elementary Education
1500 Colvin Boulevard
Buffalo, New York 14223
716-874-8400 x 20376
mmuscarella@ktufsd.org

Dear First Grade Parent/Guardian:

The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD is continually seeking ways to ensure that our students receive the best quality instruction. One of the first steps to ensuring all of our students have access to this instruction is to collect information regarding the academic progress of all of our students. A team of teachers from our District met during the 2017-2018 school year and reviewed a number of options that would allow us to gather this information, and ultimately decided on a product that we felt would best meet our needs. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, we are using aimswebPlus for Universal Screening of all K-4 students. AimswebPlus was selected because it is a quick and easy tool that requires minimal disruption to classroom activities, gives us information about how students are performing nationwide, and has the ability to give us this data quickly so we can use this information immediately.

AimswebPlus provides data that helps us adjust the level and intensity of classroom and remedial instruction to the needs of each student. Assessing specific reading and math skills helps teachers to inform instruction, ensuring students are working to meet year end reading and math goals.

- **Who will be screened?** Each fall, winter and spring, all students will be assessed using aimswebPlus in addition to existing measures. We will monitor progress more frequently for students who have been determined to require additional support with reading and math skills.
- **How much time will the screening take?** Most measures are completed in 1-3 minutes. No special preparation for aimswebPlus testing is necessary, other than preparing for school as on any other day. The screening takes a short amount of time and will not be a big event for your child.
- **How are aimswebPlus results used?** AimswebPlus offers one piece of information about reading and math proficiency, but a comprehensive review of multiple measures will be used to make final decisions around the need for additional support. If your child is found in need of additional support, you will be notified by the school of the type of support we will provide your child, and you will receive additional reports regarding your child's progress. Individual student reports of aimswebPlus data are also available by contacting your child's school.
- **How can I get additional information on how aimswebPlus is being used in school?** If you would like additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the school principal.

The Ken-Ton School Community will provide our students with the supports, tools, and diverse opportunities needed to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

First Grade AimswebPlus Measures

This First Grade Reading measure is used with your child during the Benchmark Screening in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)

Edie is a big dog. He is a big lab mix. He plays tag with the cat. In the hot sun, he digs pits for cool in the mud. If I rub his hip, his leg jumps up and down.

The dog had bones. He hid his bones in the yard. He hid them in the pits he dug in the mud.

The dog was always happy. He was never without a bone. The dog's teeth were very sharp and white, but he never bit anyone. He only chewed on bones.


One day the dog was sleeping. A rat came into his yard. "I will take the dog's bones," said the rat. "He is sleeping. He will never know that I have taken them."

What the student does:

Student reads two stories aloud, each for one minute.

When given:

Grade 1 all periods



These are the three First Grade Math measures used with your child during the Benchmark Screening in the Fall, Winter and Spring.

Number Comparison Fluency-Pairs (NCF-P)


5	9	4	2	0	8	2	21	7	1
3	6	9	12	16	7	3	0	20	6
25	12	4	14	10	9	15	8	17	18
13	4	19	27	11	16	12	30	22	11
36	44	8	6	24	30	9	5	33	38

What the student does:

Pairs of numbers are presented. The student identifies which of two numbers is larger for each pair.

When given:

Grade 1 all periods



Math Facts Fluency- 1 Digit (MFF-1D)


2+2=	1+2=	0+4=	3+3=	5+1=
1+0=	4-1=	6+1=	3+0=	2-2=
3+5=	3-1=	6-0=	1+5=	6+3=
5-0=	4+4=	5-3=	8+1=	4-2=

What the student does:

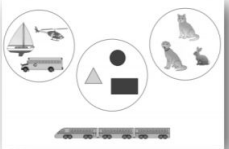
Mentally solves simple addition and subtraction problems involving numbers 0 through 10 and states the correct answer.

When given:

Grade 1 all periods



Concepts and Applications (CA)



What the student does:

Mentally solves various types of math problems and states the correct answers

When given:

PreK, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 all periods

