



Dear Parent(s):

As our children grow, we are accustomed to “well checks” at the pediatrician. During these visits, pediatricians will track height and weight as indicators of proper development.

Current research indicates the importance of attaining academic benchmarks during certain developmental periods. Because progress in reading and math skills is so important, on a regular basis, Hampton Township School District will be administering “wellness checks” measuring your child’s academic growth utilizing the AIMSweb data management system. The first “well-check” is scheduled for the second and third weeks of September.

The reading and mathematics “well checks” are simple and accurate. Your child will read three passages appropriate to his or her grade level. We will measure the words read correctly, as well as how fluently they read the stories. In addition to these “well checks,” grade level computation and reasoning probes will be administered. Assessment sessions will last no longer than ten minutes.

Teachers will use these academic “well checks” to help plan reading and mathematics instruction. This information will assist with differentiation to best meet individual needs. The data will be charted, and may be shared with you as part of your fall conference. In January and during the last several weeks of school, your child’s teacher may do additional “well checks,” if necessary, to gauge improvement.

As a school staff, we are excited about our ability to know where *all* of our students are on their path to success. We hope you are excited as well. We look forward to talking with you at conference time concerning the progress of your child. If you have any questions about our academic “well check” program, please feel free to contact your child’s principal.