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Dear Parent,

Our school is participating in program called Tungsten Benchmarks This online assessment tool will help our teachers measure student performance against the Indiana State Standards. Students will take monthly mathematics and reading Benchmarks over the course of the school year. Teachers will be able to map student progress and make critical instructional decisions based on data collected from the assessments.

It is important for parents and students to understand that the Tungsten Benchmark assessments will not be used for grading. They are tools for students, parents and teachers to use as part of the learning process. It is anticipated that students will score lower in the early part of the year and that scores will continually increase as the year progresses as more content is covered. Since this is standards-based reporting, we are noting your child's progress towards those year-end goals.

Every grade level has threshold indicators, which are targets (aligned to the year-end state standards) for Benchmark scores that can predict when a child has reached proficiency. Our goal is that every child reaches or exceeds this target by the end of the school year.

Our grade level maps every student's progress using multiple points of data. When this data is triangulated, we can carefully monitor student progress. We have set **monthly /quarterly** goals for expected performance. On the attached report, you can see your child's progress so far on the Benchmark scores.

We have determined that your child should be performing at these indicators, which says they are "on target" to reach year-end exit objectives at a proficiency or exceeding level:

Month/Quarter _____

Current targeted Reading Score to meet grade level goal _____

Current targeted Math Score to meet grade level goal _____

_____Your child's score exceeds the grade level target. It is important that they maintain this level of performance to reach or exceed year-end objectives.

_____Your child's score is below the grade level target and needs additional support in the following skill areas:

Reading:

Math:

As a partner in this process, we hope that this information is helpful in allowing you to understand your child's progress towards the expected goals. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Teacher Name