



# Merion Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In November, you received a letter informing you of the process that the district uses to place students into the appropriate fifth grade math classes. Attached, please find a copy of this letter. Over the next month, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be completing the assessments used for placement purposes. Below are the dates of those assessments. We will begin promptly at 10:15, which is the regularly scheduled math time.

Day	Date	Grade 4
Wednesday	5/10	ERB Quantitative Reasoning Timed- 45 minutes
Thursday	5/11	ERB Mathematics Part 1 Timed- 40 minutes
Friday	5/12	ERB Mathematics Part 2 Timed—40 minutes
Tuesday & Wednesday	5/23 & 5/24	Curriculum Based Placement Test Not timed (over 2 days)
Thursday & Friday	6/1 & 6/2	Benchmark Test Not timed (over 2 days)

Placement testing consists of the Curriculum Based Placement Assessment and the ERB Assessments, given over 5 days. If you do not wish to have your child considered for placement in the Accelerated Math class in fifth grade, your child may opt out of the placement testing. Please notify your child's teacher in writing by May 5<sup>th</sup> if you would like your child to opt out of these additional days of assessments. If you have questions regarding placement or opting out of placement testing, please contact the Math Specialist, Helga R. Porter.

All students will participate in the Benchmark Assessment. This is the third and final benchmark math assessment for fourth graders. We appreciate your help and support as we strive to do our best to place each child appropriately for math instruction in fifth grade.

Sincerely,

Anne Heffron  
Principal

Helga R. Porter  
Math Specialist