



Faith. Strong.

Dear Parents,

As another year of learning winds down, we have exciting news to share with you. Even though it is impossible to measure all of the growth that takes place -- spiritual, emotional, social, and educational -- at Ada Christian School, each and every teacher and staff member works to provide the best possible education for your child. Although there is no single perfect way to monitor progress, Ada Christian teachers use daily work samples, quizzes, informal screening, and teacher-student conferencing to monitor student growth. They utilize this information to guide instructional delivery that is geared toward your child's individual needs.

ACS uses a district-wide formal assessment called Discovery Education Assessment (DEA). This universal screener was one tool utilized to monitor student progress in the areas of Math and Reading. Unlike more traditional standardized tests that students take only once each year, the DEA is given three times per school year and allows teachers immediate access to the results. With the results readily available, teachers can identify both individual student needs and trends within their classroom.

On the reverse side of this letter you will find your child's results for 2016-2017. Also, attached, you will find an explanation sheet with instructions for interpreting the charts, graphs, and color-coded categories. Although a formal test will not tell your child's whole story, it can provide valuable information about academic strengths and challenges. After looking over this information, if you have additional questions, please feel free to contact our Intervention Specialist, Jim Hapner ([jhapner@adachristian.org](mailto:jhapner@adachristian.org)).

Blessed to partner with you in Christian education,

Melissa Brower, Principal

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