ELA MCAS Throughout the school year skills are embedded Going over tools How to use the different tools available on the test 2 essays at least one of them is the same for all students More language questions in the multiple choice portion Students are taught to go back and review the text (Part A &B)

Math MCAS Multiple Choice questions Read them carefully Knowing facts Questions get more challenging with upper grades A lot of reading Students may ask an adult to read a question or phrase in math and science portion -ask questions about technology

Are practice tests available? -Yes, we teach them how to take the test and we practice with the tutorial.

Are you giving more time or is it being framed that they have an allotted time? -students are aware they have the time to finish and their schedule is arranged so that they can have specials.

Students are encouraged to take their time and not rush through the test.

How is the time handled for make up days? If a student can't make a date we can arrange a different date.

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What are your hopes for your child's elementary school experience? Think about how the curriculum meets that goal?

Research based- aligned with the science of reading. Not a program but a body of research.

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Everything students do in class is also available online. Families could use the tool at home.

Activities and resources to help student with their learning.

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