

Meridian Elementary uses Renaissance Learning’s STAR Assessments to identify students needing Response to Intervention services. This year kindergarten students dramatically increased their overall scores compared to last year’s kindergarten class. We believe the credit for the increase goes to the Super Star Online program by Help Me 2 Learn.

Kindergarten students attend two 30-minute computer lab sessions a week. Beginning in October 2009, students began working on Super Star’s, Letters and Numbers program followed by Phonics 1B. At the time of the 2010 mean test, most students were in the middle of Phonics 1B with the rest finishing Letters and Numbers.

The table below shows the comparison of last year’s kindergarten class (2009) and this year’s class (2010) end of year testing. One note to be made; last year’s class was tested on May 5, 2009 with this year’s class tested on February 18, 2010. Test scheduling and technical difficulties on the campus prevented the testing of students in the last three months of school. This was not a problem with either Renaissance Learning or Super Star, but rather a local campus problem.

	SS	Est. ORF	GR	GK	PA	CO	PH	VO	SA
2009 Mean	692	0	85	74	65	62	60	59	55
2010 Mean	770	55	92	85	79	77	75	74	71
Change	+78	+55	+7	+11	+14	+15	+15	+15	+16

Score Definitions:

SS: Scaled Score

Est. ORF: Estimated Oral Reading Fluency

GR: General Readiness

GK: Graphophonemic Knowledge

PA: Phonemic Awareness

CO: Comprehension

PH: Phonics

VO: Vocabulary

SA: Structural Analysis

One can only imagine the differences if the 2010 class had been tested at the end of the year. These test results affirm our belief that Super Star Online is making a significant difference in the academic success of our students.