Why Administer Mid-Year?
Administer the assessment at mid-year to monitor student growth, plan instruction, evaluate the effectiveness of fall instruction, and set spring goals. Examine your PALS data across Fall and Mid-Year windows to determine what is working and where to go next.

Get Ready for Mid-Year
• Before entering scores, update and confirm student information using the Modify Student Information link. This includes updates to disability status and Standard/Non-standard designations. The disability status is “locked” once the first score is entered.
• Mid-Year 2020 assessment materials are available to download from within your PALS account on the Resources tab, Mid-Year Materials page.

Reminders
• The Lower-Case Alphabet Recognition task is required when a student correctly names 16 or more upper-case letters. The Letter Sounds task is required when a student correctly names 9 or more lower case letters. However, as long as the student is not frustrated, consider administering these two tasks for diagnostic and instructional purposes.
• Fall reports are now in the Yearly Reports section of the Reports tab. Mid-Year reports are in the PreK Assessment section of the Reports tab; a few Mid-Year reports are also in the Score Overview section of the Assess tab.
• Don’t forget to check your growth reports! Individual task growth reports are located in the Student Growth section of the Reports tab.

Professional Development
• PALS Tutorials: Tutorials are designed to allow for certification of the PALS-PreK, PALS-K, and PALS 1–3 assessments. You will learn how to administer and score each PALS assessment by task and understand the rationale behind each task. Earn a certificate and recertification points through the certification quiz.
• Webinars: Archived webinars are available to watch on demand including “Examining PALS-PreK Mid-Year Assessment Data.”

As always, do not hesitate to contact your PALS Office Team with questions regarding the website, the assessment, reports, resources, or planning instruction. We are here for you!