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Dear Families of Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5,

All students in grades 3-5 will take the NYS English Language Arts and Math computer based assessments this year. Students have prepared for this in class. The tests will take place on the following dates:

	Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Testing Dates	Make-up dates
English Language Arts	Wednesday, April 19th & Thursday, April 20th	Thursday, April 20th - Friday, April 28th
Mathematics	Tuesday, May 2nd & Wednesday, May 3rd	Wednesday, May 3rd - Thursday, May 11th

What can I do to help my child?

On each day of the assessments, it is to the students' advantage to come to school on time, well rested, and having eaten a good breakfast. Educational research proves that students are more focused and function better if they are well rested. You can also have your child read for at least 20 minutes per day and practice their math facts daily.

When will the different parts of the assessment be given? Will more than one part be given on a day?

There will only be one part of the assessment given each morning. There is no time limit. The State estimates it will take between 60-90 minutes to complete daily over the course of two days.

What happens if school is closed?

If it is necessary to cancel school due to inclement weather or other reasons, the assessment will be given on the next day that school is in session.

How much should I encourage my child or emphasize the importance of the assessment?

Please keep in mind that while it is important that students are encouraged to do their very best on the assessments, we don't want them to feel stressed or be afraid of the test. Test taking is part of their lives. Encourage them to approach the test in a calm, confident state of mind. The students, with their teachers and our support staff, have been working very hard and are well prepared for the upcoming New York State assessments. As soon as we receive the results of the assessments, we will share your child's score report with you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions at 518-295-6651.

Sincerely,

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