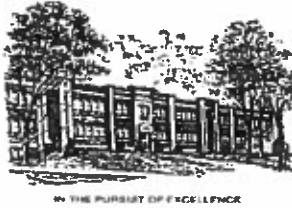


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Dear Families of Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5,

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:

	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
English Language Arts	Tuesday, March 29 & Wednesday, March 30	Thursday, March 31 & Friday, April 1	Wednesday, March 30 & Thursday, March 31
Mathematics	Tuesday, April 26 & Wednesday, April 27	Thursday, April 28 & Friday, April 29	Wednesday, April 27 & Thursday, April 28

Students in Grade 4 will take a Science Performance Test (1 day of testing) on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 *or* Wednesday, May 25th and a Science Written Test on Monday, June 6th. Below please find answers to a few questions that parents have asked our school staff.

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.

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, instead of three.

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. 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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