



Ridgewood Avenue School

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Dear Ridgewood Avenue School Parents:

This Spring, our students will participate in several assessments. These assessments can be used for a variety of purposes, most importantly in helping teachers and parents track student progress as we identify areas for enrichment and possible intervention.

CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)

This test is computerized which means we will receive results quickly. The CogAT will measure the level and pattern of cognitive development of a student compared to students their age and grade. We will include further information about understanding the results when we send them.

March 5th- testing for 3rd and 4th Grades
March 6th- testing for 5th and 6th Grades

Make-Up testing the rest of the week for absent students

NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessment)

This test is the standardized assessment administered by the state of New Jersey. Our students have been taking this test for several years (with the exception of during COVID). The NJSLA is aligned to NJ learning standards and helps assess students. Each student will receive an Individual Student Report which will show their score in ELA and Math (and science for 5th graders). We will include further information about understanding the results when we send them.

Week of April 29th- testing for 3rd and 4th Grades
Week of May 6th- testing for 5th and 6th Grades
(5th grade will also take NJSLA in Science)

Make-Up testing the following weeks

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress)

Our students take the MAP assessment two times each year. The MAP test assesses students in reading, language usage and math and provides

teachers with valuable information about individual students and classes. The goal is to see steady progress with each time the students take the MAP. We will include further information about understanding the results when we send them.

Final MAP “Window” will be open May 13th

Teachers will inform parents of the specific dates they have chosen to administer the test to their classes.

A wonderful message to students about assessments is that they are more about the school than about the children! These assessments help us identify curricular areas where students are exceeding expectations and areas where they are not. We then use that information to evaluate instructional practices, analyze curriculum and programs and make adjustments as necessary to meet the needs of the students. Your support of these assessments is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Donovan