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Dear Parents/Guardians of 3rd & 4th Graders,

The standardized state assessment, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), will begin for 3rd and 4th grade students next week. Students are scheduled to begin their assessments each day at approximately 8:30 am.

Please know that the assessment is used to measure student progress of achievement with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Our 3rd and 4th grade students will be assessed in the area of English Language Arts on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (May 14th, 15th, and 16th) followed by being assessed in the area of Mathematics on Thursday and Friday (May 17th and 18th). Each testing session is scheduled to take place prior to lunch periods.

The best ways for students to prepare for the PARCC assessments include:

1. Be present – please make every effort for students to be in school and on time. Students that are absent will complete the assessments outside of the testing window when make-up tests are administered. However, make-up testing requires staff members to miss seeing their regular classes in order to administer the additional tests. In addition, taking a make-up test causes your child to miss regular class time with his/her peers.
2. Ensure that students get a good night's sleep each night.
3. Ensure that students eat a balanced, healthy dinner and breakfast prior to testing.

Students are encouraged to do their best in order to demonstrate how our school and district staff members can best plan instruction in the 2018-2019 school year. These assessments will **not** determine a student's ability to move to the next grade level. Please help us send a similar message to your child. As always, we thank you for your support and dedication to your child's education.

Sincerely,

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