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Dear Parents and Students,

This letter is just a reminder that Monday, March 11th – Friday, March 15th will be IOWA Testing for grades second through eighth grade. Any missed tests must be made up by Wednesday, March 20th.

Every morning each student is to have four #2 sharpened pencils, an eraser, a snack, and a book to read. If the students do finish testing early and have checked over their work, they will be able to read silently if they choose.

The focus of next week will be testing; therefore, homework and tests will be limited. We ask that the students get plenty of rest and have a good breakfast each morning.

Testing will begin promptly each morning at 8:30 AM. It is to the students' advantage to be here on time, prepared and ready to begin at 8:15 AM with Morning Prayer in their homeroom. Students will not be permitted into the classroom if testing has already begun.

The Iowa Assessments measure achievement in several important content areas: Vocabulary, Reading, Language, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. The students have been given practice tests provided by the company to ensure their comfort before being presented with the assessment on Monday morning.

Each content area test includes sample questions to help students become familiar with the content and format of the tests. Sample questions help inexperienced test takers understand what to do—how to mark answers and move from question to question. All test questions are multiple choice. In Grade 2 most questions are read aloud, and students mark their choices in their test booklets by filling in the circle for the correct answer. In Grades 3-8, students read the questions and mark their answers on a separate answer sheet. Most content area tests on the Iowa Assessment take between 10 and 35 minutes. The total assessment is spread out over 4-5 days.

Please be sure that your child(ren) gets a good night's sleep each night and has a nutritious breakfast each morning. Make sure your child brings four #2 sharpened pencils, an eraser, a snack, and a book to read.

Students should take the test seriously but not become anxious about it. Children are not expected to know the answers to all of the questions on the assessment, but they should be reminded to simply do their best. Remind your child to listen carefully to the directions and to carefully read or listen to each question.

Sincerely,

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