

April 8, 2021

Dear Parents,

This year we will continue to administer the Iowa and CogAt Assessments (achievement and cognitive abilities tests) to our students in grades 1-8. We will begin testing on Wednesday, April 21st with our students in grades 1-3. On Monday, April 26th, students in grades 4-8 will begin their testing and students in grades 1-3 will continue testing. We will complete the testing for all grades on Friday, April 30th. These tests help us to determine strengths and weaknesses in our academic program, as well as measure the individual progress of each student.

We will begin testing each morning by 8:30 and finish by 11:15. The teachers will be giving breaks in between tests. We will follow the testing each day with an adjusted class schedule. Please keep family schedules clear of appointments during this time. If your child is absent due to illness, we will do our best to make up the missed tests.

We want to give our students every opportunity to do their best. We ask that your child arrives in plenty of time each day to prepare for the testing. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep during the week of testing. We encourage parents to provide a nutritious breakfast each morning and pack a healthy snack. There will be several breaks throughout the morning. Each child will need at least two, #2 pencils (**not mechanical pencils**) with good erasers. Homework will be light on these days as well. Pray that the children will stay focused and do their best, as we want this assessment to be an accurate measure of their progress.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

In His service,

Cherie Morel