



February 2018

Dear Parents,

During the week of March 5, 2018 your second grade student will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The purpose of the test is to measure a student's potential and to look at dominant learning strengths while assessing the pattern and level of development in reasoning and problem solving. While the CogAT provides information for all students, it is also used as a screening and identification tool for the gifted continuum of services. The results provide individual cognitive profile data used to inform classroom instruction. This is not a pass/fail test; however, the test does provide helpful information in understanding a child's ability and in determining instructional strategies to better meet his or her needs.

The test will be given on March 6th, 7th, 8th for a time period of approximately 45-55 minutes each day. It is important that your child is in school, on time, with a good night's sleep the evening before each testing day.

Please help your child prepare for the CogAT by:

- Arrive to school on time.
- Receiving a good night's sleep for optimal performance. It is recommended elementary children receive 10-12 hours of sleep each night.
- Eating a nutritious breakfast to feed the MIND and BODY.
- Being prepared in a positive way to take the test, understanding that this is an opportunity to show what they know!

Thank you for your cooperation and support. If you have any questions regarding the CogAT testing, please contact your building administrator or counselor.

Sincerely,

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Jim Sanfilippo
Principal, Bassett Elementary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mallorie Haworth'.

Mallorie Haworth
Counselor, Bassett Elementary

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