



Oak Street Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Second Grade Students:

As part of the school district's standardized testing program, the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be administered to students in Grade 2. The Cognitive Abilities Test is designed to assess the level and pattern of cognitive development of students, and it measures both general and specific cognitive abilities. Students are tested in three areas: Verbal, Quantitative, and Non-verbal abilities.

A practice test will be administered on Monday, March 21 to help prepare students for the test format. **The Cognitive Abilities Test will be administered on the mornings of Tuesday, March 22, Wednesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 24.** We encourage all students to be present for the testing. If a child is absent, their homeroom teacher will put him/her on the make-up list and the test will be administered to him/her beginning March 28th. There are no make-up days for students who miss both the test and the make-up test.

It is in your child's best interest to be present and on time on the regular testing days. Your help in ensuring that your child arrives to school punctually, well rested, well-nourished, and committed to give his/her best effort would be greatly appreciated.

Any child who is not in school by 9:00 AM on these days will take the test on the scheduled make-up days.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact Mrs. Mary Pasquale (Guidance Counselor) at 204-2565 x108 or me.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jane Costa, Ed.D.

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