



Dear St. Michael-St. Clement School parents in grades 2-8,

It is that time of year again. Your child will be taking the IOWA Assessments during the first two weeks of April. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the tests so that – with your support and encouragement your child will do his or her best on the tests.

About the *Iowa Assessments*

The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how children are performing on nationwide standards. These assessments measure achievement in several important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. All testing is administered online using Chromebooks for grades 3-8 and IPADS for grade 2. The exact tests that your child takes will depend on his or her grade level. Each test includes sample questions to help children become familiar with the content and format of the tests. For most tests, students read the questions and select a given choice as the correct answer. All test questions are multiple choice, and the tests last about 10 to 45 minutes.

How your child can prepare for test taking—and what you can do to help

A student who is well rested and well fed and has a positive attitude about testing is best prepared for testing. You can help your child do his or her best by considering these tips:

- Make sure that your child is in school and on time on test days. Reschedule dentist appointments and other out-of-school time on non-testing days.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.
- Remind your child that these tests are only **one** measure of what he or she has learned. Emphasize that you have confidence in his or her ability to do the best job possible.
- Remind your child to listen to the directions and read each question carefully during testing.

Score reporting and how we use test results

The school will receive test scores in about three weeks. These scores will indicate how your child performed on the tests compared with children across the nation in the same grade. Discuss the test results with your child, and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me here at school.

God Bless,

Paul Kristoff
Principal