



October 3, 2022

Dr. Sarah G. Smith  
Principal

Dear Parents,

**During the weeks of October 17 2022 through October 21, 2022, all second grade students will take the CoGAT and Iowa State Assessment. Results from these state tests will serve several purposes. Test results will**

About the Cognitive Abilities Test

The Iowa Assessments and Cognitive Abilities Test help determine how students are performing on nationwide standards. The Cognitive Abilities Test measures students' learned reasoning abilities in three areas that closely relate to success in school; verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and nonverbal reasoning.

The Iowa Assessments measure achievement in Reading and Mathematics. The tests also help teachers identify a student's strengths and areas that may need additional emphasis. Results from the CogAT are used as just one of multiple information sources to identify students who are most likely to benefit from Gifted & Talented services.

**Burton Pack will administer these tests to our students on the following days**

- ✓ Cogat-October 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am-
- ✓ IOWA-October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:15am

How can parents help?

- Please make sure your student is well-rested and arrives to school by 7:30am each day. This will allow your child to eat breakfast, which will give him/her the physical and mental energy he/she needs to do his personal best.
- 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. Encourage your child to ask the teacher for help if he or she does not understand the directions.

**Thank you for supporting your child by having him/her ready for this assessment.**

**If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Ms. Jackson at (803)691-5550.**

Sincerely,

Ms. M. Jackson

School Test Coordinator

Ms. Wendy Fanning

Assistant Test Coordinator