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Dear Second Grade Parents and Guardians,

All second grade students will be assessed with the Cognitive Abilities Test. The assessment will be administered on November 5th-November 16th. The test, which is used to identify students for the Gifted and Talented program for the 2020-2021 school year, will take three mornings to administer.

**About the *Cognitive Abilities Test***

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 test also helps teachers identify a student's strengths as well as 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.

**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.
- 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. 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.

Sincerely,

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