



April 29, 2024

Dr. Timothy J. Blackwell
Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian:

All third, fourth, and fifth grade students will take the SC Ready examination on **Tuesday, May 7 (ELA Session 1: Writing), Wednesday, May 8 (ELA Session 2), and Tuesday, May 14 (Math)**. All fourth-grade students will take the South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) examination on **Thursday, May 16 (Science)**. **The Writing Field Test will take place on May 21st**. All tests will be administered online, and all students must test in the school building.

These assessments will begin at **8 A.M. each day** and they are untimed. All students will test with their homeroom or subject-specific teacher unless accommodations are in place for the student as specified on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan.

Please make every effort to get your child to school on-time during testing days. **Students who arrive after 8 A.M. will be sent to the Media Center for the duration of the test and will be scheduled for a make-up test at a later date.** Please do not schedule doctor's appointments or other out-of-school functions on test days. **Students who are present for testing daily and who do not require a make-up session for any reason will receive a special surprise after testing is over.**

Students may not bring any electronic devices used for communicating, timing, or imaging (i.e. cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, eReaders, watches with calculators, etc.) to the testing location – even in OFF or silent mode. Any items of this kind brought will be confiscated by the teacher and returned to the student only after a parent conference has been held. Students also may not bring blankets or pillows to the testing location. However, a jacket or layers are recommended for student comfort. Students may bring a book or magazine to read if they finish testing early.

It is recommended that parents/guardians talk to their child(ren) in advance about the importance of doing their very best on the assessment. Please make sure your child gets a full night's sleep the night before testing. Additionally, please ensure your child has a healthy breakfast to prepare them for their day ahead.

Together we can guarantee all our children are successful on this assessment and in all aspects of their education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy Blackwell, Principal
Arden Elementary School