



April 6, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In just a few days your child will be participating in one or more mandated achievement test(s) by the State of Pennsylvania Department of Education and also New Foundations Charter School. These tests are important for your child and our school.

The first set of assessments will be the State of Pennsylvania Department of Education PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) assessments. These tests are given to the 3rd through 8th grades from April 9th through May 7th. The PSSA test will assess both reading and math skills. The PSSA science assessment for the 4th and 8th grade, as well as the writing assessment for the 5th & 8th grade will also be held during this testing window. The tests have multiple choice as well as open-ended questions.

The next set of assessments is the Terra Nova assessments, from New Foundations Charter School. These will be given to the Kindergarten through the 2nd grades from April 9th through May 7th. These will assess reading and math, and will have both multiple choice and open-ended questions.

To help the students do their best, we will be having **early dismissals (12:00 P.M.) on April 13th – 16th**. These early dismissal days will enable the students to be prepared for the tests, by not having to finish regular school work or projects that would normally happen during the course of a full day of school.

In order to help your child do his/her best, please follow these suggestions:

1. Encourage your child do to their best (tell them they are smart!).
2. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest (early to bed!).
3. Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast each day!
4. Make sure your child is in school every testing day.
5. Make sure your child is on time every testing day.
6. Make sure your child has at least two #2 pencils with erasers.
7. Be relaxed when talking to your child about the tests.

If you have any questions about the upcoming assessment program, please call me at 215-624-8100.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Stadelberger
CEO