

March 24, 2017

Dear Parents of Fourth Grade Students,

Fourth graders will take the STAAR Writing Test Tuesday, March 28, 2017. The fourth grade writing assessment is a one-day testing administration. The amount of time the students will have to complete the test each day will be four hours. It is very important for your child to arrive at school on time, as we plan to start testing by 8:30 a.m. The students, teachers and administrators have worked very hard this school year to ensure that the students have the knowledge and skills necessary to perform well on the test.

Your support will ensure that your child will do his/her best. Here are some things you might do at home:

- Be sure that your child gets a full night's sleep and eats a good breakfast the day of the test.
- Encourage your child throughout the year to develop good organizational, time management and study skills.
- Avoid pressure in the form of threats and rewards associated with test results and try not to make comparisons to the performance of siblings or peers.
- Set realistic performance expectations and encourage your child to do their best.
- Express your confidence in your child's ability to do well.
- Please review the district cell phone policy on the back of this letter to your child.

**To avoid compromising test security, we ask that parents not visit their students during lunch on testing days. Also, please note that students who arrive late to school will not have the allotted 4 hours, and may therefore need to take a make-up test later in the week.**

Please review the information on the back of this letter in regard to the district's policy concerning communication devices. For more information regarding the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or (STAAR) test, please visit the TEA website at the following web address: <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/>. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping our students achieve success.

Sincerely,

CBE Staff