

March 24, 2017

Dear Parents of Fifth Grade Students,

The fifth grade students will take the STAAR Math Test on Tuesday, March 28, and the STAAR Reading Test on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. The amount of time the students will have to complete each test is 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 assure that the students have the knowledge and skills necessary to perform well on the tests.

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, 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 his/her best.
- Express your confidence in your child's ability to do well.

**To avoid compromising test security, we ask that parents do not visit their students during lunch on the testing days. No visitors will be allowed in our building during testing. 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, please visit the TEA website at the following web address: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping our students to be successful.

Sincerely,

CBE Staff