



September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Between Monday, October 1 and Friday, October 12, second and fifth grade students will complete the *Cognitive Abilities Test, Form 7 (CogAT)*.

The CogAT appraises the cognitive development of students by measuring students' learned reasoning abilities. Although grounded in biological processes, these abilities are developed through in-school and out-of-school experiences. The questions on the CogAT require students to demonstrate their reasoning abilities in each of three symbol systems most closely related to success in school: verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and nonverbal reasoning.

The Verbal Battery assesses students' abilities to use search, retrieval and comparison processes that are essential for verbal reasoning; the Quantitative Battery assesses students' abilities to reason about patterns and relations using concepts that are essential in quantitative thinking; the Nonverbal Battery assesses students' abilities to reason with novel questions that use spatial and figural content.

The results of this assessment are used to identify individual learning strengths and weaknesses and determine student program placement.

This assessment will be conducted in the regular classroom setting. At the second grade level, testing will take approximately forty-five minutes during three days. At the fifth grade level, testing will take approximately thirty minutes during three days. We anticipate receiving the results of this assessment by January 2019.

Please contact your school principal should you have any additional questions concerning this assessment.

Regards,

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