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Dear Parents,

From March 4th to March 8th, the students in grades 2-8 will take the *Iowa Assessments*TM. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the tests so that—with your support and encouragement—your child/children will do his or her best on the tests.

About the *Iowa Assessments*

The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how students are performing on nationwide standards. These assessments measure achievement in several important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The exact tests that your student takes will depend on his or her grade level.

The *Iowa Assessments* help teachers identify a student's strengths and areas that may need additional emphasis. The *Iowa Assessments* also measure student growth and progress in the content areas assessed from year to year.

Each test includes sample questions to help students become familiar with the content and format of the tests. Samples help students understand what to do—how to mark answers and move from question to question. For most tests, students read the questions and mark their answers by filling in a circle for each question. All test questions are multiple choice.

How your student can prepare for test taking—and what you can do to help

A student who is well rested and well fed and has a positive attitude about testing is best prepared for testing. You can help your student do his or her best by considering these tips:

- Make sure that your student is in school and on time on test days. Reschedule dentist appointments and other out-of-school time on non-testing days. All testing takes place in the morning.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.
- Remind your student that these tests are only **one** measure of what he or she has learned. Emphasize that you have confidence in his or her ability to do the best job possible.
- Remind your student to listen to the directions and read each question carefully during testing. Encourage your student to ask the teacher for help if he or she does not understand the directions.
- Students need to have a supply of number 2 pencils. **Mechanical pencils may not be used.**

Thank you very much for encouraging and supporting your child/children during testing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miss Gisoldi at agisoldi@svmsnj.org or Mrs. Fetrow at mfetrow@svmsnj.org. Please note students may receive light homework with a minimum of other testing during the week. As always, we thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,
Miss Gisoldi and Mrs. Fetrow

