

Dear Parents,

Because of the events of last spring, our school was unable to complete year-end *Iowa Assessment* testing. Historically, we have relied on achievement testing data to provide you with objective information about your child's academic progress and readiness for the next grade level. We also use test results to help us understand the effectiveness of our instructional program- to hold ourselves accountable to you and your child.

Following this spring's adapted instruction due to COVID-19, and as we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we believe it is important to reschedule and administer *Iowa Assessment* testing. Your child will take the same test level that he/she would have taken last spring. This will help to obtain very informative baseline achievement information, to identify possible gaps in learning, and to be more focused in planning instruction.

*Iowa Assessment* diagnostic testing is scheduled for

We understand that achievement testing historically follows a very structured period of learning and preparation. We know that is not the case this year. We ask for your support in assuring your child that this test is designed to help his/her teachers plan instruction in light of this spring's adapted instruction. Encourage your child to do his/her best, but to not be concerned when some questions seem difficult. This is not a high stakes assessment and is simply being used to inform instruction.

Sincerely,