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Check out other great resources at the North Carolina Depart.t of Public Instruction website: *http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/eog/*

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What you Need to Know About End of Grade Tests (EOG's) :

Standardized tests help educators determine skills students have mastered and ones they still need to be taught. ***The CMS Family & Community Services Department/Parent University*** would like to offer a few tips for families to help students succeed during test time:

Before a Test

- Encourage your child to get a **good night's sleep** before the test.
- Provide your child with a **nutritious breakfast** before the test.
- Minimize outside activities the week of testing. This will help **reduce stress** at home.
- Set your alarm a **little early** each morning and make your time together at home **pleasant** and **encouraging**.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time—**avoid the chaos and stress that comes with rushing in the morning**. Arriving at school should be a **positive** experience.
- Give your child a **hug** and let them know you have confidence in them!

During a Test

- A blank response is an incorrect response. Try to **answer all of the questions** and don't leave any blank.
- **Listen** carefully to the instructions from the teacher and read the directions thoroughly.
- **Pay close attention** to wording. Some words like NO, NOT, NEVER, and ALWAYS can change the whole meaning to a question.
- Use the process of elimination. Eliminate any answers you know are incorrect and select the **BEST** answer from those remaining.
- Use your time wisely. Stay **focused** on the test, even if other students finish early. **Don't rush** through the test and use any extra time to review your answers.

After a Test

- The students will be told that state regulations prevent them from discussing any specific questions on the test but we certainly hope you engage them in general conversations about their experience—staying positive and encouraging. Discuss any anxieties with your teacher.

BUSTER BAGS: ***DUE May 16th!!*** Traditionally we like to hand out snacks, drinks and/or a note or small item of congratulations and support to each student at the end of their testing period each day. To accomplish this, we need the support of YOU. If you wish to do so, please send in daily **Support Packages** for your student (*and if you are able to put together an extra one or two we will find a student in need*). When sending in a Support Package (**no peanut products**), please place all items in a paper bag, labeled clearly with student's name and day of the week you would like it distributed.

FAMILIES, FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS OF BARNETTE:
We still have PROCTOR positions to fill.
Please visit: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0F49AAA922A20-proctors or email Cheryl Dean (cheryl1.dean@cms.k12.nc.us) to sign up.

2014 EOG TESTING

FRI., MAY 23 *
3rd Gr. Math
(Standard and Extend2)

TUES., MAY 27 *
3rd Gr. Language Arts
5th Gr. Science
(Standard and Extend2)

* *Dates for 3rd Gr. Testing are State Mandated*

WED., MAY 28
4th-5th Gr. Language Arts
(Standard and Extend2)
3rd Gr. Make ups

THURS., MAY 29
4th-5th Gr. Math
(Standard and Extend2)
3rd Gr. Make ups

FRI., MAY 30
3rd Gr. LA Retest
4th & 5th Gr. Make ups

JUNE 2-5
Possible Make up dates

*** **FRI., JUNE 6** ***
Select 3rd Gr. ONLY
READ TO ACHIEVE TEST
(Parents notified by 6/2 if this applies to your student)

ATTENDANCE: *Strong statistics prove students do best when testing under familiar circumstances. When a student misses a testing day it puts them at a disadvantage during make-ups. Please make every attempt to arrange appointments and other absences around these dates!*

Please cut & return to your child's teacher, this acknowledged commitment a.s.a.p.

☐ 3rd-5th Parents: We have read the information and understand the importance of adhering to our EOG Procedures.

☐ 3rd Gr. Parents: I understand that if my child does not score at the proficiency level, they will be required to take an EOG Reading retest on Friday, May 30th—as mandated by North Carolina State.

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Parent Student Date