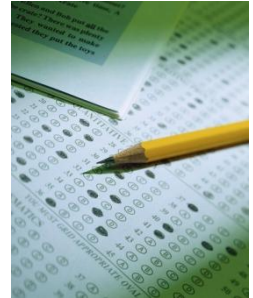


End of Grade Testing Reminder

On Monday, May 20th – Wednesday, May 22th your child may be taking the North Carolina End of Grade tests. The test schedule is below.

Monday – EOG Reading Test, Grades 3-5
Tuesday – EOG Math Test, Grades 3-5
Wednesday – EOG Science Test, Grade 5



Please make every effort to have your child at school on time on days that tests are being administered so that we may begin testing promptly at **8:15**. If your child wears glasses make sure they are with the student. It is better to encourage your child to be relaxed, rather than to encourage additional drill or extra study at the last minute. Plenty of sleep and a good breakfast before testing are helpful since alert students perform better. We have found that students tend to score higher when taking the tests in their classrooms with their fellow classmates rather than on a make-up testing day. While we certainly do not want any students that are truly sick to come to school, we do hope that every attempt is made to be at school and be on time on these important days. If you do see that **your child is too sick to attend school on testing days, please let us know by email pseabsent@cms.k12.nc.us or by phone **(980)343-6935** as early in the day as possible.** Your child will need to bring two No. 2 pencils to school.

The new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics and English Language Arts and the North Carolina Essential Standards (ES) for Science are being taught for the first time this year in classrooms throughout North Carolina. As such, new End-of-Grade (EOG) Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science summative assessments aligned to these standards will be administered for the first time in spring 2013.

The first priority when implementing new assessments is to ensure the results of the test scores are valid and reliable. When new assessments are administered for the first time, student scores are delayed while the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) processes the test data and completes all of the necessary analyses. These processes and analyses will take place during summer 2013. *Due to the necessity of this critical process, in 2012-13 students will not receive their test scores at the completion of the test administration. Instead the scores for these assessments will be delayed until October 2013.* Once the State Board of Education has approved the scores (achievement levels) in October 2013, schools will provide parents with each student's Individual Student Report. With results from the new assessments being delayed, schools will use the results from other available student information to assign grades and/or make placement decisions.

We appreciate your understanding as we move into this next generation of assessments and work toward providing the most accurate information possible concerning student performance on EOG assessments.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Keith at l.keith@cms.k12.nc.us. Thank you for your support!