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Parents of second grade students,

On January 27 through January 29 our second grade students will complete the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). On January 30-February 7 our second grade students will complete the Iowa Achievement Test. These tests are used to meet the gifted identification requirement that is mandated by the Ohio Department of Education.

It is important that our students demonstrate their academic skills by exerting the maximum effort possible while completing each test. There are many ways in which the home and school may assist our students in maintaining their focus when completing this assessments. The school will encourage our students to put forth their best effort when completing each test. We will also remind the students of the importance of carefully listening to, and reading all directions that pertain to each test.

At home parents may assist their children by encouraging them to put forth their best effort on all parts of the test. Parents should set a reasonable bedtime for their children so they will be fresh and alert in the morning. A nutritious breakfast for the children each day will be very beneficial.

In order to aid in the administration of each test one hundred percent attendance for all students is a goal which will increase the efficiency for each student. Because each test will be administered in the morning, we are asking that parents schedule all medical appointments after 1:00 P.M.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the Cognitive Abilities Test or the Iowa Achievement Test please contact Larry Rudloff by calling 330-679-0281 or 330-679-2301, extension 4019.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Larry Rudloff
Guidance Counselor