

Ober Families:

It is that time of year again when our third-fifth grade students will be in their testing window. We view this as a way for students to demonstrate and show us what they know from this school year and we want to minimize the stress around it. As a way for you to plan for and support your child, we wanted to provide you with your child's testing schedule (attached on CCSD letterhead). Please ensure on your child's testing days, like any school day, that he/she is getting a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and some encouragement for the day. In addition, it is imperative that he/she is at school, on time, and not being picked up early. Please avoid making doctor's appointments or other out-of-school arrangements on these days. As a team we want to work to make this a positive experience for your child.

At home there are some things we recommend reviewing with your child(ren) to encourage them to do their best. During the assessment, the teacher is not allowed to answer any questions, they can only tell your child(ren) to "do their best." Please take the time to have a conversation with your child(ren) to remind them that doing their best may include the following things if they are feeling overwhelmed or have a question. Explain how slowing down and taking a deep breath can help, remind them to go back and reread the directions or reread the question or passage if they are stuck and explain that they can eliminate answers that do not make sense as a way to help them find the correct answer. If we work together as a team, we can wrap around and encourage your child(ren) to do their best.

As with any standardized state assessments there are expectations and guidelines for the testing environment to allow all students to have the opportunity to show everything they know. Students will not have access to any of their personal belongings during the test including phones and watches. Students will need to remain silent through the duration of the testing session even if they finish early. Students can not pass notes or talk with any other student in the room and they must follow all directions/instructions given by the teacher. Violations of the testing environment expectations could result in a test invalidation and a possible RPC, which includes removal from school. As a school we feel that reminding your child(ren) of these expectations is another way you can support your child(ren) to have a positive experience and go in prepared and knowing the procedures.

Please feel free to reach out to your teacher or the school with any questions. We appreciate your support and your at-home cheerleading for your child(ren).

Sincerely,



Melissa Baker, Lead Learner

