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"Our mission...your child's success."

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Dear Parents,

We are busy preparing to take our annual state assessment- the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). The SBA assesses students on knowledge and skills learned in school. SBA results provide students, parents, and the school with important information on student progress. I am looking forward to the opportunity for your child to show what they know!

Students will be tested in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. They will also take the Science Measurement of Student Progress (MSP). Below you will find our class schedule for SBA testing:

Subject Area	Scheduled Date
ELA- Computer Adaptive Test	Monday, May 16 th
ELA- Performance Task #1	Wednesday, May 18 th
ELA Performance Task #2	Thursday, May 19 th
Science MSP	Tuesday, May 24 th
Math- Computer Adaptive Test	Thursday, May 26 th
Math- Performance Task	Thursday, June 2 nd

Here is how you can help your child be prepared to put forth their best effort:

- Encourage your child to get a **good night's rest** prior to each testing day. Aim for 8-10 hours with a relaxing bedtime routine.
- Encourage your child to eat a **protein rich breakfast** before coming to school.
- Ensure that your child **arrives by 9:10** on the day of testing. We start giving directions for the assessment to all students shortly after school starts.
- Please be sure that doctor appointments are scheduled outside of the school day so students can take advantage of the time allotted to them.
- Encourage your child **to relax and do their best**. Students have been building the knowledge assessed on the test since Kindergarten- they are ready!

Thank you for your partnership in preparing students to do their best on the upcoming assessments. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 618-6270.

Sincerely,