

From the Principal:

Terra Nova testing next week:

We will be administering the Terra Nova tests for students in grades 3-7 next week, beginning Monday, March 2nd. These tests are administered to help in our efforts to provide quality educational programs as well as to challenge our students to use their talents to the best of their ability. Results of these tests can help us plan to meet the needs of our students providing useful information about academic achievement, as well as areas of strength in our curriculum. Our students will experience a full range of material ranging from selected response items to extended open-ended tasks. These tests not only can show us what our students know, but also what they can do. The results of these tests will be shared with our staff and reports will be given to our parents.

To help create a positive testing environment, here are some suggestions:

- *Encourage your child to simply do the best they can do. Simple things like following directions, re-checking work, and being as neat as possible is important.*
- *Explain to your child that this test is a great opportunity for him/her to show how much they already know. It is not a test they can fail, but will help teachers know what needs to be taught.*
- *Tell your child there may be things that are new to them. If they encounter these items, encourage them to think about the new questions and simply do their best to find an answer. It's okay not to know everything. Both parents and teachers are very confident they'll do their best.*
- *Be sure your child gets the proper amount of rest as well as a healthy breakfast.*
- *Make sure every effort is made to be at school on time. Much of our testing will be done in the mornings. Rushing to get to school on time may affect their performance.*
- *Connect each day by asking your child how the testing is going.*

Thanks