

TAKS testing

All students in grades 3-8 will be involved in testing this week. For most, there will be more than one test. Here is the schedule for the week..

Tuesday, April 27-- Math assessments for grades 3,4,6, and 7

Wednesday, April 28-- Reading for grades 3,4,6, and 7

Thursday, April 29-- 5th and 8th graders will take Science tests

Friday, April 30 --8th graders will complete the week with the Social Studies assessment

Many parents wonder what they can do to help their students. The best advice includes the following ideas.

- Encourage them to take their time and do their best. There are no extra points for finishing first.
- Ignore the pace at which other students are working. The tests are randomly put together. One student may have several easier selections at the first of their booklet and turn several pages in the same amount of time that the student sitting in the next row over is working on a difficult passage placed at the beginning of his booklet.
- Get plenty of rest. Go to bed early. If you cannot be in bed early, at least go to bed at your usual time. Tired minds and bodies have trouble focusing on problem solving strategies.
- Eat a nutritious breakfast. Our school furnishes breakfast for all of our students so that is easily taken care of. Parents, of course, can choose for their child to eat breakfast at home before coming to school.

We are confident our students and teachers have used their time this year to become well prepared for these tests. Please convey your confidence to your child. A positive attitude will serve them well this week!

Thank you for your support, Mrs. Gressett