

LATTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent:

All second-grade students will participate in the state-mandated Grade 2 Gifted and Talented Assessment Program. Students will test online with their teacher in a classroom setting.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is a multiple-choice K-12 assessment given in three parts that measure reasoning skills with different types of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal questions. **The Iowa Assessment** is an achievement test for grades K-12 which measures a student's knowledge of what they have learned in school in reading and math. Results from these assessments are analyzed for qualification to participate in gifted and talented programs. The results also give our teachers valuable information to direct each child's individual learning goals.

Students will test first thing in the morning. Testing should take approximately 2 hours each morning. The test is read aloud to students and is not timed, so students are encouraged to take their time and do their best.

We will test one section of the tests each morning on the following dates: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, October 11, 13, and 15, and Tuesday and Thursday, October 19 and 21. The full testing schedule is posted on the school's website.

Parents, please ensure your child is present at school on these testing dates. Please have them on time and well-rested! A good breakfast is also recommended to give them the fuel they need to do their best! Encourage them to do their best, but remind them there is no reason to worry about the assessments! If you have any questions about these assessments, please contact me at 843-752-5295 or at leigh.sloan@lattavikings.com.

Sincerely,

Leigh Sloan
School Counselor