In-person Students

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of North Carolina Testing law (G.S. § 115C-174), your $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ grade child is required to take the End-of-Grade (EOG) Tests during the final ten days of the school year. All $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ grade in-person students are required to be tested in their home schools. All district COVID-19 safety protocols for students will be followed.

The purpose of this standardized test is to establish a measure of your child's reading, math, and/or science skills for the 2020 – 2021 school year. *Per state regulation, there is no "opt-out' provision and these tests must be taken in-person.* North Carolina does <u>not</u> offer a remote option for any state accountability assessment.

Students who have a significant medical reason for not testing may apply for a Medical Exception with supporting medical documentation through the school's Testing Coordinator and may be officially excused from testing. All students without an approved medical exception are expected to test. Parents of students who do not test will not have data to determine their children's proficiency levels.

Your child's tests will be administered as follows:

- Grades 3, 4, 5 Reading EOG on Thursday, May 20th.
- Grades 3, 4, 5 Math EOG on Monday, May 24th.
- Grade 5 Science EOG on Wednesday, May 26th.

In order to safely administer the tests to Remote Instruction and Virtual Academy students, your child will receive remote instruction on May 21st, 25th, and 27th and will not attend school in person on these days.

Following the EOG Test administration, each family will receive an Individual Student Report (ISR) with each child's score. This report will display your child's reading, math, and/or science scores compared to other students in Guilford County and North Carolina.

The State of North Carolina requires 3rd grade students demonstrate proficiency in reading by attaining one of the following:

- Achievement Level 3 or higher on the Beginning of Grade 3 Reading test
- Scale Score of 258 or higher on an Istation assessment
- Achievement Level 3 or higher on the Reading EOG test
- Achievement Level 3 or higher on the Read-to-Achieve test

Please contact your child's teacher with any questions concerning EOG testing standards and preparation. Feel free to contact me if you have questions about scheduling of testing. Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Sharon Jacobs Assistant Principal