

ISAT-2011
Illinois Standards Achievement Test

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We will be giving your child state-required achievement tests **March 7 through March 18, 2011**. These are revised dates. Since this school year has been particularly bad regarding the use of snow days, the Illinois State Board of Education is allowing districts and other facilities that conduct ISAT testing to begin their two-week test window one week later than its normal start. Students in grades 5 and 6 will be tested in reading and mathematics. The tests are a part of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) program, and are being given to all eligible students. The results of state tests will be reported to you on the School Report Card in the Fall of 2011. We will review state test results along with other information to help us improve our school program. In addition, you will receive information about your child's performance on the state tests he or she has taken.

You can help your child do his/her best on the test by:

1. making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing;
2. making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;
3. providing breakfast on the mornings of testing;
4. reminding your child to ask questions if he/she does not understand the test directions;
5. letting your child know that you have confidence in his/her ability to do his/her best; and
6. advising your child not to worry about the test – just do his/her best.

We look forward to sharing the ISAT results with you this Fall.

Sincerely,

Doug Nelson, Principal
Mercer County Intermediate