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Dear Parents:

During the course of the school year, your student will participate in district and state assessments that provide teachers with information about your child’s progress. The calendar below shows the timeframe in which your student may participate in an assessment and the purpose of these assessments.

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| Assessment | Grade Levels | Dates | Purpose |
| Universal Screener  (I-Ready) | Grades K-5 | Aug. 28- Sept. 15  Jan. 8-26  Apr. 22- May 10 | Data to inform instruction and measure growth for students in ELA and Math. Administered three times a year. |
| Content Mastery Assessments (CMA) | Grades 3-5 | CMA 1: Sept. 25-Oct. 6 CMA 2: Dec 4-15  CMA 3: Apr. 22-May 10 | A series of short assessments to monitor student progress toward mastery of standards taught in the classroom |
| Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMAS) | Grades 3-5 | ELA – April 23 & 24 Math – April 26 Science – April 30 (5th Only) | State assessments given at the end of the year. |

Parents can assist students on these assessments by:

1. **Make school attendance a priority** = Being present and on time for school is one of the best ways that you can help your student be successful on assessments.
2. **Communicate regularly with your child’s teacher** = Regular communication with your child’s teacher can help you monitor your child’s progress.
3. **Talk with your child about testing** = Explain the purpose of the assessment and help your child understand how teachers will use the information to help them grow.
4. **Offer positive encouragement** = Encourage your student to do his/her best and let your student know that he/she is ready for the assessment.
5. **Support healthy habits** = Help your child have healthy meals and a regular sleep schedule.
6. **Follow up with your child after the assessment** = Talking about how your child felt about the assessment can help them overcome any anxiety they may feel about assessments.

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