

News from 3rd Grade

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ASSESSMENTS IN I-READY

This year students take two different types of assessments in the I-Ready program: Diagnostic and Curriculum Mastery Assessments (CMA). At the beginning of the year, every student took the Diagnostic Assessment in both reading and math. This is a familiar test for the students and is used to document their current level of performance and set goals. Based upon their diagnostic test results, students receive personalized lessons in I-Ready. Every 2-4 weeks students take a "Growth Monitoring" check to see how much progress they are making. Students will take a mid-year diagnostic and an end-of-year diagnostic as well. The diagnostic tests adapt to the students. If a student answers questions correctly, the test gives more difficult material to find the student's maximum level. If a student answers incorrectly, the test adapts by giving easier material to determine the student's performance level.

Last week, students took the CMA's for the first time. Tests are given at the end of each unit of study in both reading and math for all 2nd-5th grade students. These tests are not adaptive and are the same for all students. These tests are good preparation for the Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMAS) which 3rd grade students will take in the spring. Students must perform on grade level on the Reading GMAS in order to be promoted to 4th grade. Your child's teacher will communicate CMA results to you.

Online Learning at Home

Please let your child's teacher know if you need the log-in information for Launchpad. Your child can access many educational programs from home by going to www.rcboe.org choosing the *Students* tab and then clicking *Launchpad* from the list. Students can complete I-ready reading and math lessons from home, work on math skills using First in Math, or use MyOn to read. Please take advantage of this if you have internet access.

School Calendar Changes

Recently the Richmond County Board of Education made changes to this year's school calendar. Upcoming important dates to be aware of are Elementary Early Release on October 7; Fall Break October 8-11; Learn at Home Day on October 12. November 11 is the Veterans' Day holiday and November 12 is another Learn at Home Day. Please check the RCSS website for further information.