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**Re: Second Grade *TerraNova* for week of March 16, 2020**

Dear Second Grade Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that, during the week of March 16, 2020, second grade students will be taking the *TerraNova* Test of academic achievement and the *TerraNova InView* Test of cognitive abilities. These are evaluations which are administered to the entire second grade class and help to evaluate a student's mastery of different subject areas and academic potential in comparison to national norms. Results also help us gauge our progress as a district and better design educational programs. This *TerraNova* evaluation is the same one which has been administered here at Chesterfield for many years and our results are generally positive in the national comparison, but we are always seeking to improve.

The *TerraNova* will be administered in the mornings, so please try to have your child arrive on time to school. All make-up sessions will be completed the following week. Evaluation results will be provided to parents when scores are made available by the test publisher.

Some guidelines to assist your child in doing their best on the standardized tests are as follows:

- ❖ A good night's sleep the night before testing and a healthy breakfast in the morning will help increase energy and the ability to concentrate. "Cramming" for the test is not considered effective.
- ❖ Keep in mind that the testing will only be in the morning and the students will generally continue with their normal schedule for the rest of the day. Prepare them as you would as usual for a day at school.
- ❖ Encourage your child to do his/her best without over-emphasizing performance on the test. We want to foster a positive and relaxed experience during this week. Please keep in mind that this is just one among several methods used to assess students, and results which seem inconsistent with a child's overall performance will be considered as such. We always look to get the best view of a child's potential.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Jeanine May-Sivieri  
Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction

*Chesterfield Elementary School strives to build a premier institution of learning where students are challenged to their fullest potential in a safe and caring environment.*