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April 2, 2010

Dear 3rd Grade Parents and Students,

Your child recently completed their first opportunity with this year's state testing on a system known as OAKS (Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills). As a third grader, this is the first experience your child has had with this online state test. In traditional testing, students have a single opportunity to meet benchmark standards. With online testing, your child has up to three opportunities to test to meet state benchmarks. The decision to retest a student is based on their score compared to classroom performance. Retesting is a decision that will be made jointly by the classroom teacher and the grade level team, school testing coordinator, and the principal. Retesting decisions will be made in the best academic and social/emotional interest of the student and will take place in April and/or May.

Attached you will find scores for Reading and Math as well as the corresponding benchmark success rating of "Does Not Yet Meet," "Nearly Meets," "Meets," or "Exceeds" achievement standards.

It is important to point out that while test scores of Does Not Meet/Nearly Meets/Meets/Exceeds use the same vocabulary as do our students' report cards, state testing and trimester report cards are not easily compared. The attached report reflects your child's score on a single test as they perform to grade level standards. The report card is based on long-term assessment, task/work completion, and classroom cooperation and effort.

If you or your child have any questions regarding the test or the test results attached, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

Sincerely,

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