

Dear AHN Families,

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered March 5th – 9th, 2018 to students in second through eighth grades. We use the most updated version, Form E, that reflects the changes in curriculum, content, and instructional practices that have occurred over recent years across the country.

It is important to note that any standardized test represents a snapshot in the academic progress of children. It is one of several ways in which your child's growth and progress can be measured. All assessment, including standardized test results, comprises the data we use to inform and revise classroom instruction to meet the needs of each child. Therefore, we ask that you encourage your child(ren) to do his or her personal best on the test, so that we have the best possible understanding of their strengths and areas of growth. For students in grade 2, this is their first time being exposed to this type of assessment and as a result, we view this year as a practice year to understand the process.

During this week, there will not be homework assigned for grades 2-8. We do ask that every effort is made to have your child(ren) here at school these days and on time. **A class cannot be interrupted once the testing has begun.** We also ask that your child(ren) get a good night's sleep and have a healthy breakfast. Make-ups for this year's testing will be limited so we appreciate every effort being made to have your child(ren) in school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Bridgid Fishman
ES Principal