

Pine-Richland



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Dear Parents:

The Pine-Richland School District will be administering the Stanford Achievement Test, Tenth Edition (SAT/10) during the week of September 17, 2007. This test will be given to all second through eighth grade students in the school district.

The Stanford Achievement Test is designed to allow families and schools to objectively measure student achievement towards high academic standards. The core academic areas of reading, language expression and mechanics, spelling, mathematics problem-solving and mathematical procedures are assessed. The Stanford Achievement Test also assesses listening skills.

Parents sometimes ask how they may prepare their child for the assessment. Here are some simple suggestions:

- ✚ Let your children know you are aware of the upcoming tests. Encourage them to listen to all directions and do their best. You may wish to emphasize that the tests are not graded. (The goal is to stimulate your child's interest in doing well, not create anxiety or fear.)
- ✚ Try to maintain a normal family schedule during the week of testing so that children's routines are not interrupted.
- ✚ It is always important that children come to school well rested, and this is especially true on test dates.
- ✚ On testing dates, and everyday, it is also important that children have a nourishing breakfast.
- ✚ Reassure your child that they are not expected to get everything right on this test. (Standardized tests are designed this way on purpose.)
- ✚ Encourage your child to talk with you about the testing as it occurs. Such questions as: "Tell me about the parts you enjoyed the most...", or "What math problems made you think the hardest?," etc. can promote some interesting dinnertime conversations.

In November, we will be able to share with you an individual score profile which will report your child's progress in comparison with children in the same grade across the country. Your child's strengths and needs will be identified and this information will be used to guide classroom instruction.

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