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Dear Parents,

Next week we will be administering the Terra Nova tests to all students in 2nd-8th grade. Much preparation goes into preparing our students for the tests. It is important that as much information is covered in all the major subject areas as well as test taking strategies shared and practiced to fully ready our students academically.

You can help. Make sure your child is well rested, has a healthy breakfast and is mentally prepared when they arrive at school. All children need at least 2 number 2 pencils, a nutritious snack, and a book to read in case they finish the test early. **It is imperative that they arrive on time.** We are on a very tight testing schedule and if your child arrives late they will not be able to enter the class if testing has started. Please stress the importance of doing your very best so that your child realizes the significance of staying on task and putting forth his/her best effort. Credit is given for student's work even if they do not arrive at the correct answer so they should attempt to answer each question. Although these tests are only one form of assessment and I honestly believe their day to day work is a better indicator of their learning - standardized tests are the only national indicator of a student's progress so we hope for improvement each year.

As we begin our journey thru Lent never doubt that God is traveling with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anne Reap, Lower School Director