



Mountain View Elementary School
Cobb County School District
"One Team, One Goal: Student Success"



Dr. Renee Garriss, Principal

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our spring Georgia Milestones Assessment System testing window opens soon and we are making final preparations for a successful testing season. Our testing window begins April 10, 2018 and closes on April 20, 2018. Please see the reverse side of this letter for grade level and subject specific testing dates.

As you may recall, the Georgia Milestone Assessment took the place of the Criterion Reference Competency Test that was retired after the 2013-2014 school year. The expectation from the state is that all students will take the test online in the spring of 2019. Cobb County is requiring schools increase their online participation this spring to prepare for next year's full online administration. Mountain View has decided that the students in third and fourth grades will complete this year's Milestones online. We have chosen these grade levels as they are comfortable with technology and will be better prepared and more confident to take the test online in the coming years as fourth and fifth graders. Fifth graders will take the paper/pencil version of the test this year.

Students in third, fourth, or fifth grade who receive specific testing accommodations as part of their Individual Education Plans (IEP) may take the assessment online along with any other accommodations documented in the IEP.

In helping us to prepare for this transition, Mrs. Taylor has been diligently including keyboarding skills in all of her lessons in the Technology Lab. We will also be setting up practice sessions during the school day to provide students a similar opportunity to acquaint themselves with the Georgia Milestones. Teachers are familiarizing students with the online format to complete practice questions, at <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>. This practice site does not require a log-in and is available 7 days a week if you would like to experience the online testing format. Importantly this practice site is not designed as a "practice test" to measure a student's knowledge of course content and scores will not be generated, it is intended to allow students to familiarize themselves with the online platform prior to testing. We encourage you to find time for students to practice keyboarding at home with programs such as Type to Learn that they are familiar with from Mrs. Taylor's website <http://mvescomputerlab.weebly.com/>.

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has posted many parent resources to its website, including study materials and guides, <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Assessment-System.aspx>.

If you have questions about our upcoming spring test administrations for Georgia Milestones, please contact Dr. Whitney Spooner at Whitney.spooner@cobbk12.org.

Sincerely,

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Elementary School 2017-2018 Milestones Schedule

April 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>9</div>	10 EOG Begins 3 rd Grade ELA Section 1	11 3 rd Grade ELA Section 2	12 3 rd Grade ELA Section 3	13 3 rd Grade ELA Makeups
	4 th Grade ELA Section 1	4 th Grade ELA Section 2	4 th Grade ELA Section 3	4 th Grade ELA Makeups
	5 th Grade ELA Section 1	5 th Grade ELA Section 2/3	5 th Grade Math Section 1	5 th Grade Math Section 2
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16 3 rd Grade Math Section 1	17 3 rd Grade Math Section 2	18 3 rd Grade Makeups	19 3 rd Grade No Testing	20 EOG Ends 3 rd Grade No Testing
4 th Grade Math Section 1	4 th Grade Math Section 2	4 th Grade Makeups	4 th Grade No Testing	4 th Grade No Testing
5 th Grade Science Sections 1/2	5 th Grade Social Studies Sections 1/2	5 th Grade Makeups	5 th Grade Makeups	5 th Grade No Testing