

Dear Families,

With the PARCC testing window approaching, it is important that we take some time to set the foundation for our students and teachers to be able to participate in a positive PARCC testing experience. As a way to support our teachers and prepare students for a successful experience during testing time, we will be conducting Infrastructure Trials for grades 3, 4, and 5. The purpose of the trials is to prepare students specifically with the testing experience that they will encounter during actual testing. These trials are important for a variety of reasons: 1) they allow students to become familiar with the testing process, the online structure, and the navigation tools that they encounter during testing; 2) they allow teachers to become familiar with how to navigate through the test administration site; and 3) they allow our district to ensure that our technology infrastructure is prepared and ready for testing days. Infrastructure trials will take place over the next few weeks, and they will take approximately 30 minutes each. Each grade level will have one trial in ELA, and one trial in math.

Should you have any questions regarding our Infrastructure Trials, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal at any time. We appreciate your support in this process.

Thank you,

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