

# The LongView of Things

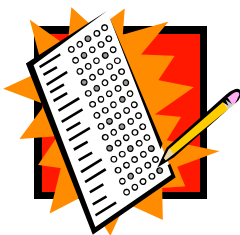
May 2012

## **Principal's Portion**

The weather has been warm, then cool, then warm again, but it is definitely evident that Spring is here! This is the time of year for baseball, flowers, pollen, sunshine, and of course... **testing**. Standardized tests are designed to give a common measure of how well students are doing. These tests measure how much students have learned this year. These tests also show us how students from one school compare to students elsewhere in the school system, and across the state.

Testing can help schools evaluate programs, evaluate a student's progress, and identify a student's strengths and weaknesses. Testing can help parents see how their child's school achievement compares with other schools, and how their own child has grown academically.

Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will be assessing Reading throughout the month of May. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will have final Math assessments during the week of May 7-11. On May 22-24 our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the North Carolina end-of-grade test in Math and Reading. On May 18 our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students take a Science test. Results will be available a few days after the tests are taken. Students who do not pass the test must take the test again the following week. Failure to achieve a passing score could result in repeating the grade.



Parents can help their children do better on the test. Here are some things you can do ahead of time.

Don't schedule appointments such as doctor or dentist visits close to test time.

Ask your child's teacher if there are things, such as math facts or vocabulary terms, that you can review with your child.

Encourage your child to read. The easiest and best way to help your child prepare for a standardized test is to have them read often.

Here are some things you can do right before the test to help.

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep.

Provide a good breakfast.

Don't be too anxious. Say "I know the test is important, but I know you will try hard and do your best."

Remind your child of these tips.

Skip a question and move on if you don't know the answer. You can always come back to these questions later.

Check your answers carefully. Make sure the numbers of your answers correspond to the numbers of the questions on the test.

Use all of the allotted time. If you have answered all of the questions and still have time left, go back and check your answers.

Try your hardest. Take the test seriously. You've worked hard all year for this moment. Show the teacher what you've learned.

Working with you for our children,

John R. Black

## **Upcoming Dates**



- May 3rd—Beginners' Day for upcoming Kindergartners at 5:30pm
- May 4th—Popcorn Sale 50¢ a bag
- May 17th—Longview Movie Night at the Carolina Theater
- May 18th—Preschool Water Day (Rain date of June 5th)
- May 18, 22, 23, 24 - End-of-Grade testing
- May 28th—Memorial Day No school for students
- June 5th—3rd grade field trip to Zootastic
- June 7th—Field Day for grades 1-5 and Kindergarten Water Day
- June 8<sup>th</sup>—Kindergarten Graduation
- June 8th - last day of school! This is a full day of school for students. Awards Day/Graduation is at 1:00pm.
- June 12-14—Dial Screening for upcoming Kindergartners





## Accelerated Reader

- Mrs. Brown

Each month your child will have a chance to earn certification levels. Students are recognized at the monthly Terrific Kids program.

**Ready Reader** - Read and test to accumulate 5 points. Students can read with someone or even have the book read to them.

Keyon Avery	Dawson Barlowe
Tyler Maines	Keyashia Blackburn
Dylan Nall	Malik Hilton
Brook Turgeon	Christopher Peralta
Yamileth Navarro-Sanchez	

**Independent Reader** - Read and test on 3 books, 1.2 level or higher, on their own. Accumulate 10 points.

Alexis Curl	Lexie Hood
Keyonna Avery	Shelby Barlowe
Jennifer Moscosa	
Abigail Arteaga-Tovar	

**Rising Reader** - Read and test independently on 3 books, 1.6 level or higher and worth 1 point or more.

Aaron Scott	Yolanda Whitson
Samantha Valdez-Alamilla	

**Super Reader** - Read and test independently on 3 books, 2.0 level or higher and worth 1 point or more.

Evan Hamrick	Sammy Cuevas
Lily Little	Kalea Mejia
Eduardo Adrian-Estevez	
Aracely Rios-Adrian	



**Star Reader** – Read and test on 3 books of grade level 4.0 or higher and worth at least 4 points each.

Pheng Yang      Theron Steed

**Classic Reader** – Read independently and pass Reading Practice Quizzes for: 3 books, 6.0 level or higher, worth 7 points or more.

Jovany Ramirez-Sanchez

## Field Day

### Thursday, June 7th

**Field Day is 6/7/11: Volunteers are Needed.** This year's field day will focus on Cooperation and Teamwork. Students will work collectively to reach the highest score. Volunteers are needed to facilitate the various stations. Events will run from 9:00a until 1:00p on Thursday June 7th.



If you would like to volunteer at a station this year, please contact Ms. Chislom at (828) 327-2070 ext 580.

## Awards Day!

Join us for Awards Day!

June 8th

The last day of school



**Dial 3 Testing** for rising Kindergarten students will be on June 12th, 13th, and 14th. Testing must be completed before the beginning of school.

**Parents** — please sign up your child for an hour time slot (either at Beginner's Day or by calling in to the school office.) Testing will begin at 9:00 each day and end by 4:00 each afternoon (with a break for lunch from 12-1:00.) Please let us know if you have any conflicts with scheduling.

~The K Staff ~

Our Terrific Kids program is sponsored by the Hickory Kiwanis Club and Chick-Fil-A. Each month 2 students from each class are selected based on 4 factors: good attendance, being on time, respecting others, and always trying to do their best. Terrific Kids are honored at an afternoon assembly.

The Terrific Kids for the month of April were:

Theron Steed	Taheim Blackburn
Vuong Troung	Jauhlik Morrison
Emily Greene	Aida Lopez
Adajja Cook	Jayreion Gragg
Joshua Pearson	Miguel Campuzano
Ayendy Betances	Giselle Diaz
Dayton Deal	Nehemiah West
Erick Emigdio	Samantha Valdez
Dawson Barlowe	Arissa Redman
Zasha Wallace	Jayven Helton
Faith Houser	Emmalee Schronce
Belinda Yang	Emy Gonzalez
Samuel Ramsey	JuMizhia Sanders
Jay Liu	Karleigh Maddy
Alexia Bentley	Hollea Houser
Adryel Martinez	Adam Towe
Andrea Campos Garcia	
Luis Enrique Juarez-Diaz	
Citlali Hernandez-Escalant	
Sidney Brockenborough	

## Remember the Thrifty Lion this summer!

The Thrifty Lion store across the street from Longview Elementary is open during the summer!



Visit the store **on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays!**

Shopping at our school store provides funds for the students and teachers for next school year. Come out for the great bargains, and help Longview students too!