



Eagle View Elementary School

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

4500 Dixie Hill Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

September 30, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians of Second Grade Students:

In an effort to obtain additional information about your child, **Cognitive Abilities Test** (CogAT) will be administered to students in second grade. Students in our school will be taking the CogAT on Wednesday, October 21 Thursday, October 22 and **Tuesday, October 27**. The third day of the testing was originally scheduled for Friday, October 23. Please note the change. The testing sessions will begin at 9:15 AM. It will be very helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school during this time period. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has had a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude.

The purpose of the CogAT is to provide information about students' developed abilities in verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning. The types of tasks included in the test are based on content that children of this age group are likely to have experienced, yet are not necessarily those tasks included in the school curriculum.

Teachers will not be adjusting the curriculum in any way to prepare students for the tests, and students will be told that they are not expected to know all of the answers to questions on the tests. Questions on the tests are pictorial in nature and students mark directly in the test booklet. I will notify you when scores are returned to the school; however, I do not expect them to be available for several weeks.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Willison
Assistant Principal