

DU QUOIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear 3rd and 4th Grade Parents and Guardians,

In a couple of weeks our students will take federally required assessments. . The assessment, given in English language arts and math for grades 3-8 is called the **Illinois Assessment of Readiness or IAR**. These assessments help us understand how our students are growing academically, compared to their peers across the state. The Illinois State Board of Education believes that assessment is more important than ever as our students continue to learn in unprecedented conditions. Assessments shine a light on how this pandemic has impacted our students and what we need to do to help them recover.

The IAR measures the Illinois Learning Standards and includes the same high-quality test questions that our teachers and students have become familiar with over the past years. I am confident our students will feel comfort showing what they know and can do on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness.

This year our students will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness online. DES students will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness on April, 26 – April 30, 2021. There are 3 reading units and 3 math units for each grade. The schedule involves completing two test units each day, one in reading and one in math. **It is critical for students to be present and on time daily for the testing.** Students arriving late for school during the assessment starting times will not be able to begin the testing unit and will have to remain in the office until the testing session ends.

Students who are remote learners, will need to come into school for these assessments. **All testing must be done in person due to security reasons.** Therefore, **families of remote learners should contact me for the schedule to come in for testing.**

We understand the anxiety “test time” sometimes brings. We would like to say "thank you" again for your continued support at home in preparing for and making the testing as "anxiety" free as possible. If you have questions about the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, please contact me at 542-2646 or drea@duquoinschools.org. We believe we must work together as a team to achieve wonderful things for all our students!

With Papoose Pride,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Rea".

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