

Merriam Avenue School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

One of the many ways we look at student progress at Merriam Avenue School is through the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). All students in grades 3 and 4 will participate in the NJSLA assessment in the Spring. In addition to the NJSLA, 4th grade students will be tested through the Start Strong Assessment in the month of October.

The purpose of the NJSLA assessment is to find out what students know about reading, writing and math. The test asks about the content and skills students are learning in their classes, and the questions and tasks on the test are similar to the kinds of things students do everyday. The Start Strong Assessment is similar to the NJSLA and will provide data on student knowledge from last school year.

Merriam's Testing Schedule:

- **Grade 4 Students: Start Strong: October 12th-15th**
- **Grade 3 and 4 Students: NJSLA: Spring dates t.b.d.**

As always, children should be well rested, and arrive at school on time to enjoy a healthy breakfast!

Please feel free to contact me at 973-383-7202 ext 1223 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Stanton