

Dear Parents,

Enclosed you will find a report generated by Riverside Publishing. This report lists the percentile rankings of your child's performance on a list of skills that were tested earlier this Fall using the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) (5th graders only). The chart on the left of the paper provides the percentile rank (NPR) and then graphs it to allow for a visual comparison between the different categories. 8th grade reports also include a measurement called "grade equivalent" and "national stanine." The text generated on the right of the report is automated from Riverside publishing and is based solely on the results seen on the left hand side of the report about your child, basically putting into words and phrases what you can see in the bar chart and numbers. If you have any questions or concerns about what you are seeing, please contact your child's teacher.

Standardized tests like the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) can be useful for us. As with all exercises that generate data, its best use will be in providing questions, not answers. Receiving information like this is the beginning of our work, not the conclusion. Our data committee is currently poring over the numbers to explore questions about our curriculum, teaching methods, resources, and schedule.

So how did we do? As we all know, our performance on standardized tests is a very narrow picture of what we are about, but we are still proud to say that our academic progress is tops when compared to the national student and school norms. The chart below summarizes the percentile rankings from each grade and each ITBS component.

Thank you for all of the academic support you give our children.

GRADE 3

	Rdng	Lang	Math
Nat'l Student Norms	90	85	90
Nat'l School Norms	99	99	99

GRADE 4

	Rdng	Lang	Math	SS	Sci	Ref. Skills
Nat'l Student Norms	85	77	83	87	82	88
Nat'l School Norms	98	94	95	99	99	99

GRADE 5

	Rdng	Lang	Math	SS	Sci	Ref. Skills
Nat'l Student Norms	87	90	85	88	88	89
Nat'l School Norms	99	99	98	99	99	99

**GRADE 5
CogAT**

	Rdng	Lang	Math	SS	Sci	Ref. Skills
Nat'l Student Norms	87	90	85	88	88	90

GRADE 6

	Rdng	Lang	Math	SS	Sci	Ref. Skills
Nat'l Student Norms	86	82	78	86	83	83
Nat'l School Norms	99	99	91	99	99	99

GRADE 7

	Rdng	Lang	Math	SS	Sci	Ref. Skills
Nat'l Student Norms	90	82	87	88	88	88
Nat'l School Norms	99	99	99	99	99	99

GRADE 8

	Rdng	Lang	Math	SS	Sci	Ref. Skills
Nat'l Student Norms	89	84	84	86	87	89
Nat'l School Norms	99	99	98	99	99	99