



Mildred B. Janson Elementary School

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Mr. Gabriel Cardenas, Principal

April 30, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, students in grades three to sixth grade participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

This year, your child will take the following test(s), depending on their grade level:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics in grades three through sixth.
- California Science Test (CAST) in grade five.

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the CAST are online tests that measure what your student understands and is able to do. The tests include many different types of questions that allow students to interact with the test questions. Results help identify gaps in knowledge or skills early on so your child can get the support needed to be successful in school.

Your student will be taking these assessments between May 6 and May 31, 2019. A calendar with the specific dates and times of your student's testing schedule will be sent home and posted on the school's website.

You are an important part of your child's education. To help your child get ready for the test you can:

- Talk about the test with your child. Make sure they are not anxious and to be proactive.
- Tell your child that you and their teacher have high expectations and are both there to help, every step of the way.
- Take a practice test with your child
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and nutritious breakfast before testing.

To learn more about the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments or the CAST, go to the California Department of Education Parent Guides to Understanding web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp>.

You also can look at sample test questions on the practice tests, which can be found on the CAASPP Web Portal at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/>

If you have questions, please be sure to contact me at 626-288-3150 or at gcardenas@rosemead.k12.ca.us. I am confident all students will do great and know they will do their best!

Sincerely,

Mr. Cardenas, Principal

“Learning, Growing, Leading”