



SEA GIRT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to another school year! A priority focus this year is to review student assessment data to help plan for targeted instruction in class, as well as provide ongoing support to our students.

The New Jersey Department of Education has advised all school districts that we will be administering state assessments called Start Strong Assessments in September and October.

These tests are intended to provide educators with detailed reports on areas of strengths and weaknesses in math, ELA and science. Teachers will receive immediate feedback via the testing portal, and parents will receive detailed reports in the late fall. The district will be testing within the window of October 5th.

The tests are intended to take 45-60 minutes and will test the following areas:

- ELA grades 4-8
- Mathematics grades 4-8
- Science grade 6

Additionally, we will be administering our own assessments so that we can target instruction as much as possible. We want you to know that we are focused on bringing our students back, honing in on areas of need, and making sure all of our students feel successful.

Sincerely,

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