

March 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the period from April 10th through April 20th, second grade students in Loudoun County Public Schools will take the Cognitive Abilities Test, which is also referred to as the CogAT. The CogAT measures general and specific cognitive skills that allow a student to learn new tasks or solve problems, especially in the absence of direct instruction. Students' reasoning abilities are measured by three different batteries, or groups of test items: the Verbal Battery, the Quantitative Battery, and the Non-Verbal Battery. Each battery is comprised of two subtests. Students will complete all six subtests, two per day, on three consecutive school days. Test questions are read to the students by the teacher, with a brief break in between subtests. The daily test administration period is untimed.

All students will have the opportunity to complete the brief practice test prior to administration of the CogAT, and will be permitted to take their finished practice test home.

Score reports are expected to arrive in the school division and will be sent home to parents/guardians in June.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.