

ISTEP + Testing Information Spring 2010

- **ISTEP + statewide testing will take place in two testing sessions. The first will be all of the open-ended items called Applied Skills testing. This will take place on the mornings of March 2, 3, and 4. March 5, 8, 9 & 10 will be used as make-up days in the case of a two-hour delay caused by inclement weather conditions.**
- The second session will take place on April 27, 28, 29 & 30. May 3, 4 and 5 will be used as make-up days as above. This session will include the multiple choice items.
- **Students should be in attendance on these mornings if at all possible. Students will be allowed to make up missed tests but this is not optimal for student performance on these indicators.**
- Students should be at school by 7:30 on these mornings. Rushing in the morning could cause stress for the children.
- **Students who are tardy to school will be held in the office until their class is on a break between tests.**
- Students will be testing in their homeroom class. They will need two Number 2 pencils and something to read in the case that they finish testing before time has expired.
- **Students should get plenty of rest on nights prior to testing and should eat a good breakfast on these mornings.**
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and a healthy snack on each testing day. The snack should be a single serving, and be neat to eat. Good examples would be crackers, raisins, pretzels, carrot sticks, or breakfast bars. Please do not send snacks that are messy or noisy.
- **Students should be encouraged to do their personal best but not to stress about the tests.**
- Spring testing is now considered operational, but schools have not been given a date that scores will be returned. Each parent will be given on-line access to student scores, open-ended responses and resources to help build skills.