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Dear Parents,

The Ramsey School District prides itself on providing your children the opportunity to experience an exceptional, developmentally appropriate education. Throughout this school year, we have provided our students with rigorous, high quality learning experiences across the curriculum. We are confident that through these experiences, our students are securing the necessary skills and strategies to be self-directed learners capable of meeting and/or exceeding grade level expectations.

In third grade, our instructional design, curriculum, assessments and classroom experiences have all served to benefit our students as they prepare to meet their future educational goals and to participate in the PARCC assessment (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.) All Ramsey third graders will participate in the PARCC Assessment on **March 28-31st, 2017.**

The following will allow you to better understand the testing structure for the PARCC testing window:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Unit Testing Time Minutes</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	1	60
	2	60
	3	60
	4	60
<b>ELA/Literacy</b>	1	90
	2	75
	3	90

- All Third Grade students will take the PARCC assessment on district iPads with keyboards and headphones.
- More than one unit may be tested on a single day.
- Prior to the actual testing dates, all Ramsey students will have already participated in activities and practice assessments using the same technology.

- Testing will take place from March 28-31st , 2017.
- Make-up testing will take place the week of April 3-7, 2017.

We invite you to explore the following websites to become more familiar with the PARCC assessment:

General PARCC Information for Parents: <http://www.parcconline.org/for-parents>

PARCC Practice Tests: <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>

Department of Education Resources for PARCC: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/parcc/>

Parent PARCC Questions Answered <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/PARCCFAQ.pdf>

PARCC Skill Builder <http://bealearninghero.org/skill-builder>

Resources for Students <http://www.parcconline.org/resources/student-resources>

The goals, vision and mission of the Ramsey Public Schools remains committed to equipping our students with the necessary skills and strategies to be successful throughout their K-12 experience and beyond. Our focus continues to be on nurturing lifelong learners who are not only college and career ready but able to think critically and solve real-world problems in our quickly changing complex, global society. If you have any further questions regarding our academic programs, curriculum or the upcoming PARCC assessments, you are welcome to contact us.

Respectfully,

Gina G. Aliano