



Greer Middle IB School

Greenville County Schools



January 6th, 2009

Parents/Guardians:

During the week of January 11-14 Greer Middle IB School students will take part in Benchmark Testing in the four academic classes. Benchmark Tests are given at several middle schools in Greenville County at the end of each nine weeks. This will be the first year that Greer Middle IB School has participated in Benchmark Testing. Our teachers gathered valuable information from our students during the 1st Nine Weeks Benchmark tests back in October. Below are the days that each Benchmark Test will be administered:

Science	Monday, January 11 th
Math	Tuesday, January 12 th
Social Studies	Wednesday, January 13 th
English/Language	Thursday, January 14 th

Benchmark Tests are assessments used to identify mastery of standards in each content area. These tests will allow our teachers to verify mastery of the standards that were taught over the first nine weeks of the school year. These are the same standards that will be assessed in the spring with our state-mandated Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) test.

The Benchmark Tests will be graded and will count as a "Major" assessment (similar to other tests that are given by the teacher). The tests are designed to last one class period, so your child will not have a major interruption of his/her school day. Many teachers will send home a study guide for the students to prepare. However, in most cases, the best study guide for students is simply to refresh themselves on the material that was taught during the first nine weeks of the school year.

If your child is absent during any of these days, they will make up the Benchmark Test upon their return.

If you have any specific questions about a particular Benchmark Test, you may contact Carlton Greene (GMS Instructional Coach) at 355-5818.

Thank you,

Scott Rhymer, Principal

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