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Dear Roberto Clemente Families of students in Grades 3-8,

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through the school year. As you most likely know, if your child is in grades 3-8, he/she will take both the **New York State English Language Arts** and **New York State Mathematics** Assessments. **Included in this letter is important information about both of the assessments.**

- **On Tuesday April 1st, Wednesday, April 2nd, and Thursday, April 3rd**, all students in grades 3-8 will be taking the **New York State English Language Arts Assessment**.
- **On Wednesday, April 30th, Thursday, May 1st and Friday, May 2nd**, all students in grades 3-8 will be taking the **New York State Math Assessment**.

Throughout the year, teachers and students have been using the skills and strategies that will be tested on these assessments. Below are some suggestions to help prepare your child for testing.

- ✓ **Make sure your child comes to school on time for EACH day of testing.** Perfect attendance is critical during this time. It is a well-known fact that children who take the test in their own classroom with their own teacher are much more successful!
- ✓ Make sure your child gets plenty of **rest**.
- ✓ Encourage your child to take the tests **seriously** and have a **positive** attitude.
- ✓ Make sure your child has a **healthy** breakfast at home or at school.

If you are interested in looking at sample questions for these assessments, they can be found at the following websites.

<http://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-common-core-sample-questions>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Respectfully,

Christine Sickles
Principal