

Edison GATE Academy

# Coffee with the Principal

March 13, 2025



# Agenda

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- Accelerated Reader
- Parent Conferences
- State Exam Resources
- Transfer Opportunities

# AR District Challenge

- January 6 - February 28
- Students did AMAZING!
  - 8,776 Quizzes Passed
  - 10,994 Points Earned
- 1st place in the District
  - 100% Participation!
  - 80% Average percent correct
- Result of students, teachers and parents working together!



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# Parent Conferences

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- Week of March 17
- Minimum Day Dismissal
  - 12:15 (Tk and K)
  - 12:45 (Grades 1 - 8)
    - Including Tuesday!
- Scholastic Bookfair
  - M-Th: 12:45 - 3:00 p.m.
  - E-wallet Sign Up



# Parent Conferences: Before

- Talk to students about upcoming conference
- Ask how they're feeling about their progress this year and upcoming exams
- Prepare list of questions:
  - How can I continue to support at home?
  - What is their strength or area to improve?
  - Do they participate and ask questions?
  - Do they use test-taking strategies?




# Parent Conferences: During

- Have and honor appointment - we are excited to talk about student progress
- Ask student to attend
- Be yourself and ask questions
- Presume positive intentions
- Use the report card as a point of conversation



# Parent Conferences: During

- iReady Information
  - Shows results over time
  - Math and ELA
- End of Year Assessment
  - Mid or Above Grade Level
  - Early on Grade Level
  - 1 Grade Level Below
  - 2 Grade Levels Below
  - 3 or More Grade Levels Below



Academic Legend	
Thoroughly	4
Adequately	3
Partially	2
Minimally	1
Participates	P

i-Ready	
Reading	
8/19/2024	512 Early On Grade Level
10/29/2024	538 Early On Grade Level
2/25/2025	547 Mid or Above Grade Level

Math	
8/14/2024	431 1 Grade Level Below
11/4/2024	456 Early On Grade Level
3/4/2025	464 Mid or Above Grade Level

Support your student with i-Ready Diagnostics at <https://i-ready.com/families>

# Parent Conferences: After

- Talk to your child about the conference
- Be positive and honest about next steps
- Have a support plan in place
- Change to adjust support
- Celebrate successes!
- Let them know you believe in their growth and effort



# State Exam Resources

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- Students in 3rd - 8th grade will test in ELA and Math
  - 5th and 8th grade also test in Science
- Finalizing testing calendar shortly
  - April 21 - May 8
  - Testing on Mondays and Fridays
  - Make attendance a big priority
  - Kids do best with their classroom
  - When absent they could feel overwhelmed

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- Talk to students about exams and set goals with them
- Focus on **processes** of doing their best
- We have developed testing strategies to focus on process and not outcome
  - Standard strategies included as handout
  - Grade level specific
  - Communicate with teacher to reinforce strategies
  - Always about doing their best!



# State Exam Resources

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ELA Strategies	Math Strategies	Testing Strategies
<input type="checkbox"/> Reread the text. <input type="checkbox"/> Read for a purpose. Read the question before the passage. <input type="checkbox"/> Look around in the text for vocabulary. <input type="checkbox"/> Lip read the text to help you focus. <input type="checkbox"/> Use the highlighting tool. <input type="checkbox"/> Use the strikeout tool. <input type="checkbox"/> Take notes on passages. Prewrite. <input type="checkbox"/> Make a graphic organizer when writing. <input type="checkbox"/> Annotate the paragraph. <input type="checkbox"/> Use RACE for writing responses. <input type="checkbox"/> Use spell check.  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> SHOW YOUR WORK! <input type="checkbox"/> Fold your scratch paper and organize it per question. <input type="checkbox"/> Circle your answer. <input type="checkbox"/> Make your own conversion chart when you get your scratch paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Draw a tape diagram, an area model, or a picture to help. <input type="checkbox"/> Create a place value chart. <input type="checkbox"/> Write your multiples. Skip count. <input type="checkbox"/> Write out your own multiplication chart. <input type="checkbox"/> Use subtraction to check addition. (STAR CHECK) <input type="checkbox"/> Use multiplication to check division. <input type="checkbox"/> Use the strikeout tool. <input type="checkbox"/> Use math vocabulary when explaining your ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not too fast. Not too slow. Just right. <input type="checkbox"/> Take a mindful minute. <input type="checkbox"/> Take a brain break. <input type="checkbox"/> Read the directions multiple times. <input type="checkbox"/> If the question says, pick 3. YOU PICK 3. (Or whatever number it tells you to mark.) <input type="checkbox"/> If the option choices are squares, there are multiple answers.  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____

# Transfer Opportunities

- Open to transfers
- Priority given to GATE qualified students and siblings
- TK / K acceptance delayed to accomodate resident families
- We meet with newly identified GATE qualified students from around the district last night
- Great turnout
- Excitement created around Edison

# Questions

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# Next CWP Meeting

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