

RENAISSANCE STAR ASSESSMENT

The Los Angeles Archdiocese Department of Catholic Schools will no longer be using the standardized ITBS test we have become familiar with over the past several years. Instead, the Department of Catholic Schools is moving towards an “adaptive” computerized test next year, most likely the Renaissance Learning STAR Assessments. Our Lady of Grace School is one of the schools chosen to pilot this new assessment program.

In this assessment model, a student spends just 20 minutes taking a math or language arts assessment using a computer (or iPad.) If a student answers a question correctly, the program adjusts by offering him/her a slightly harder question the next time. In this way, a student’s performance level can be accurately determined in a much shorter period of time, avoiding “testing fatigue.”

This type of assessment is criterion referenced (based on how much curriculum a student has learned) and the results are available immediately for the teacher to review.

As part of the pilot program, we are planning to administer the Renaissance Star Assessment at least three times this year: in January, March, and May. **The results will NOT become part of your child’s official record**, but they will still provide us with valuable information that will help us guide and improve our instruction and our curriculum for every child. For this reason, we ask that you please make sure your child receives a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast during his/her testing days.

Monday: January 12 (Math)

1st Grade
2nd Grade
6th Grade

Tuesday: January 13 (Reading)

1st Grade
2nd Grade
6th Grade

Wednesday: January 14 (Math)

3rd Grade
4th Grade
7th Grade

Thursday: January 15 (Reading)

3rd Grade
4th Grade
7th Grade

Friday: January 16 Make Up Day

Tuesday: January 20 (Math)

5th Grade
8th Grade

Wednesday: January 21: (Reading)

5th Grade
8th Grade

Thursday: January 22

Kindergarten (Math)
Make Up Testing

Friday: January 23

Kindergarten (Reading)
Make Up Testing