Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our Spring 2017 Georgia Milestones Assessment System End-of-Grade (EOG) testing window begins on April 12, 2017 and closes on April 21, 2017.As we finalize our plans for this spring we wanted to share some information with you. Your 5th grade student is scheduled to take the English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies EOG tests on the following dates:

* + - April 12, 2017 ELA Reading and Evidence-based Writing
		- April 13, 2017 ELA
		- April 14, 2017 Mathematics
		- April 17, 2017 Science
		- April 18, 2017 Social Studies

The Georgia Department of Education has posted to its website a Parent’s Question and Answer flyer. This document will provide answers to questions you may have about Georgia Milestones. You may access it using the link <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Assessment-System.aspx>

Morris Brandon, along with all APS schools,will be testing students online during our upcoming spring administration of the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) administration. The information below is provided to assist you and your student in becoming familiar with the features of online testing.

* A website, <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>, called *Experience Online Testing Georgia*, has been established to provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with the online testing platform. This practice site does not require a log-in and is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. This site is intended to allow students to familiarize themselves with the online platform prior to testing, not to measure a student’s knowledge of course content.
* Teachers are also providing students opportunities to acquaint themselves with the online testing system during the school day.
* Test items in the online version of Georgia Milestones are designed to be comparable to those in the paper-and-pencil version.

If you have questions about our upcoming spring test administrations for Georgia Milestones, please contact our lead test coordinator Eddie McPherson at 404-802-7272 or emcpherson@Atlanta.k12.ga.us

Sincerely,

Kara Stimpson,

Principal