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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Park Forest-Chicago Heights School District 163 is dedicated to providing an educational program that promotes academic excellence for all students. This Grade Level Outcomes information packet presents the key elements of instruction that your child is required to master by the end of each grade level as identified in the Illinois Learning Standards. The expectation of what students should know and be able to do is provided as a tool for your partnership with your child's classroom teacher. Your child's teacher may also address additional objectives which are measured by end of unit tests. We also encourage parents to read to their children in an effort to broaden each child's background in the areas that will be studied at each grade level.

Students in grades 3 through 8 are assessed in Reading and Mathematics using the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). Students in grades 5 and 8 are assessed in Science using the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). We assess students in grades K through 8 using the iReady assessment to measure academic achievement and growth in Reading and Math. Students are assessed using various school-based assessments to track student progress in Reading and Mathematics. Teachers use the data throughout the year to guide instruction in the classroom.

We ask that you utilize this packet to gain an understanding of and assist your child with the educational objectives at your child's grade level. Assisting your child with reading 60 minutes each day and working on math facts and math problem solving will provide a major impact on your child's academic progress in these areas.

We welcome your feedback. We are confident that together we can ensure our students a successful learning experience.

Sincerely,

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