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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Cherokee County School District administers the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and the Iowa Assessments to all second and fourth grade students each fall as part of the South Carolina Gifted and Talented Assessment Program and the district-wide identification process for Gifted & Talented services. The testing window for these assessments is October 9th – 13th. Your child's specific testing dates and times are determined by each building and listed below. **Please make every effort to have your child attend school during the testing weeks, paying specific attention to the exact testing date(s) for your child's class.**

School: Luther Vaughan Elementary School

Testing Date(s): October 9th – 13th

Testing Administrators: Steven Spear, Ruby Byers, Charlyn Boctot, Patty Smith, Rachel Turner, Sheree Feaster, Shambria Littlejohn, Susan Ivey, Ira Manning, Melanie Nance, Lydia Cooper.

Test Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assessment Subtest</u>
October 9th	CogAT Oral Vocabulary and Reasoning
October 10th	CogAT Relational and Quantitative Concepts
October 11th	CogAT Figure Classification and Matrices
October 12th	Iowa Assessments Reading
October 13th	Iowa Assessments Math Concepts and Problems

South Carolina mandates the administration of these assessments. These assessments must also be administered by a trained Test Administrator on the school campus.

Secondary Screening

Based upon the results from this testing, a secondary screening using a performance assessment will be provided for possible candidates in February or March. You will be notified if a secondary screening is necessary.

Student Preparation

No special preparation is required for the CogAT/Iowa Assessments. However, you can encourage your child to answer all the items and give their best effort. We also recommend your child have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast on testing days.

Resources

If you have additional questions regarding the CogAT/Iowa tests, please feel free to contact your School Testing Coordinator, Steven Spear at Steven.Spear@cherokee1.org or your child's Guidance Counselor, Ruby Byers at Ruby.Byers@cherokee1.org.

Sincerely,

Loretta Holmes
Principal