

Testing Update for April

IT'S TIME TO
SHINE

Boozhoo Anishinabe Academy Families,
Welcome to spring!! April & May are our busiest and most important months for testing. All students across Minnesota are taking the MCA tests in reading & math. In addition, all 5th & 8th graders across the state also take the MCA science test. Our 1st & 2nd graders are taking the NWEA tests in reading & math. Our kindergarteners are tested in May to show their growth this school year.

Please see our school's web site to view the Spring Testing Schedule. That way, you & your children can see when these tests are taking place. Also, be sure to look over the "MPS is MCA Ready" booklet your child should have brought home.

The best ways to help your children do well on these tests, are the same ways we help our children do well in school all year long:

1. Go to bed early on school nights.
2. In the morning, have plenty of time to get ready for school so they aren't late.
3. Have great attendance.
4. Read at home every night & even on weekends.
5. Do extra math whenever possible, be creative with this.
6. Talk to your children about school and the importance of doing their best.

With your help, our spring testing will give our students an opportunity to shine!

Miigwech!
Mrs. Green



This month's artwork is by kindergartener Tyseon H. It's titled "The Best Snickers Cupcake." Art classes were learning about complementary colors.



It's National
**POETRY
MONTH**
Read Write Rejoice



Grandfather Story
Author Unknown

*Grandfather,
Look at our brokenness.
We know that in all creation
Only the human family
Has strayed from the Sacred Way.
We know that we are the ones
Who are divided
And we are the ones
Who must come back together
To walk in the Sacred Way.
Grandfather,
Sacred One,
Teach us love, compassion, and honor
That we may heal the earth
And heal one another.*

April Rain Song

*Let the rain kiss you
Let the rain beat upon your
head with silver liquid
Let the rain sing you a lullaby
The rain makes still pools on
the sidewalk
The rain makes running pools
in the gutter
The rain plays a little sleep
song on our roof at night
And I love the rain.*

—Langston Hughes

Write an acrostic poem

- Choose your name, an animal, or any word you like.
- Write the word down the page.
- Write your poem choosing words that describe you (if you use your name) or fit the topic—see example.
- Turn your poem in to your teacher—you might win a prize!

Spring Acrostic
Snow melting, sap running
Playing outside
Raindrops falling
Ice out of lakes
New life
Green grass

How Many, How Much

How many slams in an old screen door?
Depends how loud you shut it.
How many slices in a bread?
Depends how thin you cut it?
How much good inside a day?
Depends how good you live 'em.
How much love inside a friend?
Depends how much you give 'em?

—Shel Silverstein

"You know, people speak in poetry all the time. They just don't realize it."
—Sherman Alexie