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ELA STATE TEST
TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD-MAY 4TH, 2011
TIPS FOR TEST SUCCESS

May 2, 2011

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, May 3, 2011 and Wednesday, May 4, 2011, all students will be taking the New York State English Language Arts Examination. Please facilitate the following for your children so that the testing experience will go smoothly:

- **Get a good night's sleep.** Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class and to focus on a test.
- **Pack your bag with the necessary supplies for the test.** Don't wait for the morning of the test to see if you have a number 2 pencil. That's a sure way to make you stressed out and possibly even be late to the test. Be sure to have 2 pencils with erasers in your bag.
- **Get up early.** On the morning of the test, your child needs to get up in plenty of time so he/she won't feel rushed.
- **Eat Breakfast.** High-protein foods like scrambled eggs are often best for improving concentration and minimizing fatigue.
- **Reassure your child.** Tell your child that no matter the outcome of the test you will still love him/her. Encourage them to simply do their best.
- **ARRIVE TO SCHOOL ON TIME.**
- **Think Positive!**

When parents and teachers work together, children are more likely to achieve their goals. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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