

GES Title I Tips

A Family Resource Newsletter

Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success



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Georgia Milestones Testing April 19-22

The Georgia Milestone Assessment is just around the corner for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students! This test will show us how prepared our students are for the next grade level. While we want our students to do their best, we also understand that this year has been unlike any other in recent memory. Please encourage your child and reassure them that this assessment is simply to see what they have learned so far this year!

The testing schedule will be:

- Monday, April 19 - ELA Writing (3rd-5th grade)
- Tuesday, April 20 - ELA Reading (3rd-5th grade)
- Wednesday, April - 21 - Math (3rd-5th grade)
- Thursday, April 22 - Science (5th grade only)

Our students and teachers have worked hard all year to master the state-adopted standards and there are a few things parents can do to help!

1. Check out the GES website for grade-level study guides, a simulated Milestones test, and help in understanding the results. Getting yourself and your child familiar with the test will help to alleviate testing anxiety.

<http://ges.catoosa.k12.ga.us/>

2. *Title I > Parent and Family Resources > Student Assessments > Georgia Milestones*
2. Make sure your child is well rested during testing week and has a healthy breakfast before beginning the test.
3. Be on time to school. Allow your child extra time to get ready for the test. No one likes to be rushed!
4. Encourage your child to do their best and reassure them that this test is nothing to be afraid of. It does not affect their grades!

If you have any questions about the Georgia Milestones Assessment, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher!

Marissa Watson
Parent Involvement Coordinator

Feedback is always greatly appreciated and will be gathered throughout the year, so please feel free to contribute at any time by contacting me or by filling out the Parent Input form located on the GES website under the Title I tab.

Mark Your Calendars

*Important Dates & Events
You Don't Want to Miss!*

- **Apr. 12** - PTO Meeting @ 6pm - Officer Elections
- **Apr. 19-23** - Title I Spring PAC Meeting online
- **Apr. 19-22** - Georgia Milestones Testing
- **Apr.23** - Box Top Friday
- **May 6** - DAC Meeting online
- **May 3** - Progress Reports go home
- **May 4** - GES Welcome to Kindergarten
- **May 7** - GES Talent Show @ RHS 7pm

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Title I Interpreted - How is my child tested? Student assessments are given throughout the year to identify skills that students are mastering and skills that need more attention. More information about these assessments and how to interpret their results can be found on the GES website under Title I > Parent and Family Resources > Student Assessments.

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Working Together for School Success

GES Teachers are highly qualified. Parents have the right to request teacher and paraprofessional qualifications. For more information, please contact the school office.

This is an excerpt from the April edition. Full editions are available on the GES Website under Title I Newsletters. Available in English and Spanish.

Q & A Promote hopefulness

Q: I don't want the negative events of the past year to keep my son from being hopeful. What can I do?

A: Hope is contagious! Encourage your son to "catch" it from you. Share your plans for future good things. For instance, you might talk about fun things you hope to do this summer, like go camping or watch a fireworks display. Ask your son what he hopes for, too.

Taking action is another way for your

son to feel more hopeful. Whenever possible, let him do things to make a difference. For example, if he's worried about people needing food, the two of you might grow vegetables to donate to a food pantry.



Remember, you know your child best. If your son talks about feeling hopeless, or you are concerned that he might be suffering from depression, talk to his school counselor or doctor.♥



Spring PAC Meeting

The Title I Spring Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be held online **April 19th-23rd!**

Please plan to virtually attend the important Title I meeting. We will approve 2021-22 Policy changes, review event dates, and discuss the Spring Survey results.



Please use this QR code to access the online Title I Spring PAC meeting and give us your valuable input toward the upcoming school year!

Volunteer News

Volunteer Opportunities



Due to continued safety measures, parent volunteers are not currently allowed in the building and the Title I Parent Resource Workroom is closed to families. However, **if you would like to offer your help with projects that can be worked on at home**, please contact your child's teacher or Marissa Watson at mwatson.ges@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

We will keep you posted if safety measures change in the future!

IMPORTANT INFO

DAC Meeting

The Catoosa County DAC meeting will be held **Thursday, May 6th @ 10 AM** via Google Meets. GES would love to have at least one parent present to represent Graysville for this short, but vital meeting. Please let Marissa Watson know if you are interested in attending!

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