



## ***Superintendent's Corner – Feb. 11, 2008***

Feb. 11, 2008 – Third Grade Reading CSAPs

Our third grade students will take the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) reading test on Feb. 20 and 21 next week. This test measures reading comprehension, one of the state's literacy standards, using questions that require written answers, as well as multiple choice items. The test is administered in English and Spanish. Parents of third graders will receive a report describing their child's reading achievement in early May.

Beyond identifying students who may need additional support, CSAP test results are used for our state's school accountability reports, federally required adequate yearly progress measures, and as the cornerstone of our district continuous improvement efforts known as Tools of Inquiry for Equitable Schools. Despite their usefulness in offering us information about our progress over time and ideas of areas to improve, CSAP tests are one of several ways we measure our students' achievement and the success of our schools. I encourage you to ask a teacher about the progress your child is making.