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Dear Nixon Families,

Earlier in the year we posted the general MCAS schedule provided to us from the Massachusetts Department of Education, and later amended it to the specific test dates at Nixon.

We wanted to remind you of the upcoming MCAS test schedule, beginning in March. Please see below for exact dates your children will be taking various portions of the exam.

Please encourage your child to get sufficient rest the night before any tests, to eat breakfast, and to extend their best effort. Children should bring a small **water** bottle to school; hydration is a key to concentration. **No** juice or soda, please.

It is imperative that all children be in school during testing. Please try to avoid any appointments or trips that will prevent your child from attending school.

Test	Date
Gr. 3 Reading test	March 22 and 25
Gr. 4 Long composition	March 23
Gr. 4 Reading test	March 29 and 30
Gr. 5 Reading test	March 31 and April 1
Gr. 5 Math test	May 13 and 14
Gr. 4 Math test	May 17 and 18
Gr. 3 Math test	May 10 and 11
Gr. 5 Science test	May 19 and 20

Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement during the testing. Reassuring your children they will be successful is just as important as thinking it.

Sincerely,

Joni Jay

Work hard to learn
and don't give up.

Be curious
and excited.

Honor and
respect differences.

Work cooperatively
with adults
and children.