

# Sandhills Elementary

## Tiger Cub Chronicle

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### School Hours

Drop Off 7:15 am

Tardy Bell 7:50 am

Dismissal 2:30 pm

### How Do We Monitor the Progress of Your Student?

Gone are the days when educators and parents could rely solely on grades to determine if a student was making progress in mastering grade level material.

Grades are just a part of the picture of your student's academic progress. State tests, taken at the end of the year, help provide us with important information. State tests are not given however, until most of the school year is completed.

At Sandhills Elementary we also use several other data points such as F & P (Fountas & Pinnell) for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to provide us with information on a student's reading level, MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) an individualized test in reading and math that marks both growth over time and assists in providing predictive data on how a student will perform on the state tests and a school designed writing test to monitor writing skills over time. We use all of this information to help us form a snapshot of your student's mastery. This data helps us tailor instruction, strategies and support for your child.

We typically conduct these data points during the early fall, winter (now and in early January) and in the spring. We will continue to share with you as we gather information throughout the school year.

How can you help? Please make sure your child has plenty of rest, that they are here at school on time and that you avoid early dismissals if at all possible.

A Parent – School Partnership Helps with Lasting Results!



## Upcoming Events

### Month of December:

#### December 1

##### MAP testing

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) - this test is given at 3 points during the school year in reading and math. It measures growth over time.

#### December 16

PALS Parent Workshop-  
Art & Your Student  
8:00 am

#### December 21- January 2

Winter Break

