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Dear Parents,

Your student's results from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) are being sent home with your student today. Overall, our classes again scored well in the two core areas that were tested. ITBS splits the testing data into two core areas, known as the English Language Arts (ELA) Total - which includes a Reading Total sub category - and a Math Total. There is then an overall score given known as the Core Composite.

RLS showed consistent growth in scores from last year based on the Grade Equivalency Scores (GE). The overall "school score" is based on taking the mean and/or median scores of each class in the two core areas and the mean and median core totals as well. As a school, our median core total of the average standard score was a National Percentile Rank (NPR) of 87%, with a mean Stanine Score of 7.14. An NPR rank of 87 means that our school's students on average scored higher statistically than 87% of students who took the test nationally. This ranks them in the "above average" classification (see below). Our school's highest ranking class, the fourth grade, had a Core Composite of 91% for the average standard score!

You are being sent a "Profile Narrative" for your child which will give a breakdown of your child's performance, including individual NPR, SS, and GE scores. The NPR is the percent of students in this grade in the nation with a lower score on that test, total, or composite. So, an NPR of 75 would mean that the student scored higher than 75% of the students statistically in that grade nationally. Do not interpret that 75 to be like a grade on a report card. The Profile Narrative also shows your child's Grade Equivalent (GE) and National Stanine (NS). GE is most helpful in looking for a full year's growth in each child (compare the GE from your child's last year report to this one). We have included a brief explanatory chart below to help you understand how to interpret stanines based on the NPR.

<u>Stanine:</u>	<u>Classification:</u>	<u>NPR:</u>
1	very low	<4
2-3	below average	5-24
4-6	average	25-75
7-8	above average	76-95
9	very high	96-99

(For example: if your child received a stanine score of 5 and a NPR of 68 in Reading, then he/she performed within the average range as compared to other students in the grade nationwide.)

As stated in past years, please keep in mind that these results are considered as supplemental information to help us identify potential strengths and weaknesses within the RLS curriculum. If you have individual questions regarding your child's scores, please contact the school office.

Peace and joy in Christ,  
Bob Unger  
Interim Principal