

Dear Parents,

Last week students from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade took a challenging test on basic vocabulary and introductory concepts of matter and chemistry. Please accept my apology for not giving parents the heads-up about this test; students were provided a list of terms and concepts on February 9 and required to complete 2 assignments to assist in understanding and review for the February 16 test.

This test required students to explore the online textbook and apply ideas to some difficult abstract ideas, and many of the ideas applied to the demonstrations that students shared over the past month. The results of the test were less promising than I had hoped, but it appeared quite clear which students took preparation seriously and which students did not take any time outside of school to review.

In my increased efforts to communicate and request involvement at home, I am informing students and parents of the opportunity to re-take the science test and earn a higher score. I will be posting a copy of the test (with answers) in addition to entering student scores on skyward (both a rubric score and a percentage under the comments).

In order to be eligible for a retake, students must document at least 30 minutes of review time outside of school and have a parent signature (or email) verifying that time studying outside of school. The window for retaking the test will be from Monday, February 27 through Friday, March 2. It is the student's responsibility to request a retake.

Dear (_____) and Mr. L.

On the science test I took last week, I got a percentage of _____. The reason I got this score is _____. The most difficult part of the test for me was _____. I **(DID or DID NOT)** complete the One-Note assignment that was supposed to help me understand and learn the vocabulary and concepts.

In order to be able to retake the test next week, I need to study at least 30 minutes outside of school. I can use the completed test online to study from (the retake test will be slightly different), the online textbook that can be found with a link from our web page (password: science), as well as any notes or other information.

Sincerely,

Your awesome (and humble?) student