



## Information for Parents of Grade 5 French Immersion Students

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In May, Grade 5 French Immersion students in Prince Edward Island will take part in a common assessment of writing skills.

Common assessments measure the knowledge and skills of all students at a certain grade level.

The Elementary Literacy Assessment will measure the knowledge and skills learned in writing up to the end of Grade 5. The assessment is based on the provincial curriculum. It is developed by Island teachers with the support of the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture. It will be scored by French Immersion teachers from across the province.

The administration of the assessment will be take place between May 15 and May 26, 2017.

Some students with special needs will not participate.

It is very important to monitor children's progress in writing in the elementary years. Literacy skills are the foundational skills for all learning. Our schools have many resources to help children develop strong literacy skills recognizing that all students progress at their own level and have different learning needs.

The results of this provincial assessment tell us how well students are doing from year to year. They also help us to improve teaching and develop programs for students who need more help.

No special study is needed to prepare for the assessment. Parents can help by ensuring that students arrive at school well-rested, and ready to participate. Parents should encourage their children to do their best.

You will receive your child's results in the fall from your child's teacher. You are encouraged to talk to your child's teacher about how well your child is reading and writing, and about the many ways that you can support literacy at home.

For more information on the Elementary Literacy Assessment for Grade 5 French Immersion students, contact the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture at 438-4887 or visit <http://bit.ly/ELAFI-PEI> .

