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Dear Second Grade Parents,

During the month of November 2026 your child will participate in a district-wide second grade gifted screening assessment. St. Johns County is screening all second graders to help identify possible candidates for the gifted program. Your child's classroom teacher will be able to provide you with the specific date in November your child will complete the gifted screener.

The assessment being used is the Cognitive Abilities (CogAT) Screening Form, which is an abbreviated measure of abstract thinking and verbal/non-verbal reasoning ability. The CogAT Screening Form is not a full-scale IQ evaluation. The computer-based screener takes about 45 minutes to complete. It is child friendly, and students usually enjoy the experience.

The scores from the screener will be used to help identify students for further evaluation for the gifted program. You will be notified if your child meets criteria for further assessment.

Screener results can be shared upon parent request.

Sincerely,
Sherri-Lee Heath
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If you do NOT want your child screened for the gifted program, please sign below and return to your child's teacher by October 30, 2026.

I, _____, do **NOT** want my child, _____, screened for gifted.
(Parent's signature) (Child's name-please print)