



CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

April 26, 2010

Dear Teacher:

The **Kindergarten Readiness Tool (KRT)** focuses on 16 prekindergarten skills and 10 self-regulation/social skills, and includes both performance based and observational assessments. Teachers will engage children in activities individually or in small groups, observe social emotional behaviors, and record their observations and the child's performance.

The KRT is divided into four sections:

- **Section I** – Print Awareness/Comprehension/Oral Language
- **Section II** – Letter/Phonological Knowledge
- **Section III** – Mathematics
- **Section IV** – Work Habits and Attitudes

Each KRT kit includes:

- Instructions with scripted dialogue
- Materials for each assessment activity
- Web site addresses for the **Kindergarten Readiness Tool, Online Resources**

Age cycle 4 children, children who will be eligible for kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year, should be assessed with the KRT. This includes all children who will reach the age of 5 on or before September 1, 2010. The assessment is to be administered by teachers and/or teacher assistants during the month of May 2010. **All assessments must be completed and the results entered into Curriculum Instruction Management (CIM) by Tuesday, June 1, 2010.** Online resources for data entry instructions and the data entry sites are available on the OECE homepage at www.ecechicago.org. Under "Recent News," click on the **Kindergarten Readiness Tool, Online Resources** link. A video is available on this link to provide training for teachers and teacher assistants. To access the training video, click on the **KRT Training Video** link and enter the following password: krt2010.



Anyone who needs additional KRT training may register to attend one of the following in-person sessions:

Date: Friday, May 7, 2010

Time: 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. (Session I)
12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. (Session II)

OR

Saturday, May 8, 2010

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. (Session I)
11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. (Session II)

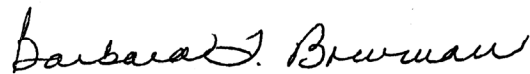
Place: Doolittle West
521 East 35th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60616

Each session is limited to the first 30 registrants. If you would like to attend a training session, e-mail Sheila O'Connell at oece@cps.k12.il.us. You will receive a confirmation via e-mail. The confirmation is your admittance to the workshop, and no one will be admitted without a confirmation. No registrations will be accepted after 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the KRT project, please contact Karen Carradine, Director, via e-mail at oece@cps.k12.il.us.

Thank you in advance for your support with this initiative.

Sincerely,



Barbara T. Bowman

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