



Dear Lourdes Academy Family,

The results for the Terra Nova assessments, the new standardized assessment tool used in all Catholic schools in the State of Florida have been received. An individual report for your child has been sent home. You will see that the report is two pages and is titled "Home Report." While there is much information presented, I ask that you focus on the following:

1. **Home Report with InView (cognitive abilities assessment) Performance by Content Area** (page 1)

- a. You will see the areas assessed from Reading and Math to Spelling and Language (along with others).
- b. Each area assessed shows two bars – dark and light.
- c. **The dark bar** is the score your child received on the Terra Nova InView (cognitive abilities assessment).
- d. **The light bar** is the anticipated score, or where we would expect each student to score.
- e. The back page (page 2) explains what the assessment consists of.

2. **Individual Profile Report – Performance on Objectives** (page 3)

- a. You will see that there are a number of specific objectives tested in each major category (Reading, Language, Math etc.)
- b. There is a circle that appears one of three ways:
  - i. **A full black circle** – indicates that the student attained HIGH MASTERY
  - ii. **A half filled in circle** – indicates MODERATE MASTERY – the student knows the concept but needs more reinforcement in it
  - iii. **An open circle** – indicates LOW MASTERY – the student has not mastered the skill and needs practice in it to master it
- c. There is also a National Percentile number. This is your child's score in the National Percentile (a typical average child performs at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile).
- d. Your child's Lexile Range is on the bottom of the page. You can go to the library or Barnes and Nobel and show them your child's Lexile Range to find appropriate books.



**3. Individual Profile Report – Norm-Referenced Scores** (page 5)

- a. **National Percentile** – this number indicates that the student scored X % higher than all of the other students in the country who took the test. For example: a national percentile of 85 indicates that the student scored better than 85% of the students in the same grade that took the Terra Nova Assessments.
- b. **National Percentile Scale (bar graph)** – The average score for the national percentile is 50; meaning, an average student scores in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. \*This is not the percentage that they scored on the assessment!

Please note that this is just one piece of information used to assess your child. These are scores that are from ONE assessment tool at ONE point in the school year. These scores help give us a better snapshot of the abilities of the students and enables teachers to see what skills have been mastered and what skills need to be reinforced. Along with our MAP assessments, I firmly believe that in the future this test will provide more information to both our parents and our teachers in order to better improve your child's experiences and learning.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership with one another to prepare your child for life's challenges.

God Bless,

Mr. Stephen Dole  
Principal