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The following table shows how well St. Peter students performed on the Terra Nova standardized testing in March 2010. The scores are reported in national percentiles and show how each grade level average scores compares to other grade levels nationwide. **It does not indicate what percent the students got correct on a test.** For example, a %ile of 66 means this grade did as well or better than 66% of the students at that grade level in the country who took the test.

**Terra Nova Multiple Assessment
Mean NCE National Percentile-March 2010
St. Peter School**

National Average is 50%

Grade	Rdg	Lang.	Math	Science	Soc. St.
2	66		76	72	90
3	64	58	74	92	82
4	76	77	66	74	81
5	65	70	68	69	65
6	76	82	79	76	79
7	74	77	75	65	73

The Archdiocese requires all Archdiocesan schools to test students in Grade 3, 5 and 7. Here at St. Peter School, we have tested grades 2-7. Our scores are great. We have so much to be proud of!

Several school improvement initiatives have contributed to our success:

- Adoption of new grammar and writing book in Grades 6, 7, 8
- Writing across the curriculum
- Alignment of St. Peter School Math curriculum with Archdiocesan learning standards
- Implementation of research based high yield instructional strategies

**Terra Nova II Test Results 2010
National Percentile Scores**

Subjects	St. Peter Scores			Archdiocesan Scores		
	3rd	5th	7th	3rd	5th	7th
Reading	64	65	74	59	61	65
Language	58	70	77	61	61	68
Math	74	68	75	51	61	64
Science	92	69	65	63	61	60
So. Studies	82	65	73	64	62	66

This chart indicates St. Peter scores for grades 3, 5 and 7 compared to students in grades 3, 5, and 7 throughout the Archdiocese. As you examine our scores you can see that the students at St. Peter School scored well above the Chicago Archdiocesan average scores!

In addition to analyzing the results to identify curricular areas needing improvement, the staff has access to detailed information about specific objectives in each subject area and to what level students have mastered these objectives. On going school improvement efforts will target high yield instructional strategies aimed at increasing the individual objectives performance of our students. We have also decided, as a faculty, that we will be dedicating professional growth in 2010-2011 school year to continue our work on math concepts and improving our written expressive language across grade levels.

Families often ask us why we don't use the same tests as the public schools in Illinois. They would like to be able to see test scores as an apples-to-apples comparison. We would like that as well and we have asked the Illinois State Board of Education to allow us to take the same tests they administer to public school students. So far, they have refused to let us do so. But we will continue to work toward that goal.

Our Terra Nova II test scores reflect the collaborative community efforts of faculty, students and parents. These wonderful results should be celebrated by our entire school community.