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My Fantastic 5th Graders,

A long time ago, I read about a teacher who wrote a letter to her students before their state assessments and I loved it. She had an amazing idea and you deserve to hear it too, so I wanted to write one to you!

Next week, you will start taking your 5th grade Kansas State Assessments. I know how hard you've worked this year, and there is something very important I want to tell you:

This test does **NOT** assess all of what makes you special and unique. The people who create these tests do not know you the way I do, and certainly not the way your families do.

They do not know that you love YouTube, or that you are good at drawing. They have not seen your natural talent for singing or how much you love reading on Epic. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them, that your laughter can brighten the darkest day, or that just your presence in our classroom makes it amazing. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future and even help your siblings after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that you try every day to be your very best.

The scores you get from this test will tell you some things, but they will **NOT** tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart and **YOU ARE SMART!!** You are more than enough! You are a bright spot in my day and you are the reason I love teaching.

So, now that we're getting ready for them this year, remember that there is no way to "test" all of the things that make you awesome and **YOU** are who I am proud to know!

You will rock this year's assessment, I know it! Just DO YOUR BEST!!

Good Luck!!

~Mrs. Noller 😊