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Hello and welcome to a process which is designed to help you better understand how your child learns. Please help me help your child do his best by strictly adhering to the following:

1. The evening before the first testing session, please tell your child in as positive a tone as possible, something similar to the following: “Your (father, mother) and I know you are trying very hard in school, and we are both proud of how hard you have been trying. We’ve noticed you are very good at (i.e. math, spelling, writing, creative thinking) in school, and at (i.e. sports, karate, making friends, cooking) when you are not in school. We’ve also noticed that as hard as you are trying in school, some subjects are making it hard for you. We’d like to find out how you, your teachers and your (father, mother) and I can help you learn. Tomorrow, you will be meeting with a lady I’ve talked to. Her name is Dr. Barbara Feinberg, but she said you may call her Dr. Barb. She’ll be asking you questions about yourself, and we would like you to answer the questions as honestly as you can. If you don’t know an answer, you can tell her that. Then you will be doing some puzzles, working with blocks, and answering some questions about things you have learned. You won’t get grades like A’s, B’s and C’s on the things you do with Dr. Barb. She’s really trying to find out how you learn the best. We’ll be proud of how hard you try, no matter how easy or hard the tasks are.”
2. Please be sure your child goes to sleep early enough to sleep a full nine to ten hours each night preceding the testing.
3. Please be sure your child enjoys a nutritious breakfast prior to testing; one that is high in protein and complex carbohydrates and low in sugar and food coloring. **NO CAFFEINE PLEASE.**
4. If your child is on medication, please check with Dr. Feinberg prior to testing as to whether you should give the medication to your child before the testing session.
5. Please do not send your child into the testing session with food. Eating during testing serves as a distraction, and interferes with the testing process. We will take at least one break, and Dr. Feinberg will provide a healthy snack.
6. It is VERY important you arrive for each testing session five to ten minutes early. Testing sessions consist of numerous tasks, and every minute counts. If your child needs five or ten minutes extra per testing session due to slow processing speed, you will not be charged. However, should your child need extra time due to a late arrival, you will be charged for extra testing time needed to make up the lost time. The charge will be prorated at the agreed upon hourly rate.
7. Please be sure to arrive to retrieve your child ten minutes prior to the estimated time of completion of testing. Should your child finish early, s/he will not have to feel anxious if you are not waiting, and can instead feel excited and happy to find you in the waiting room. Additionally, Dr. Feinberg has other people scheduled after the testing session, and will not be able to watch your child once testing is completed.
8. You may be asked to fill out questionnaires and forms while your child is being tested. If you are planning to drop off your child for testing, Dr. Feinberg would be happy to tell you well in advance, how much of your time will be needed.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. Should you follow these suggestions, the testing process will likely run smoothly, and your child can enjoy this exciting and informative process. Should you have any questions, please feel free to ask Dr. Feinberg.

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