

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of testing dates:

Kindergarten STAR Early Literacy: Monday, April 22, 2024

Kindergarten STAR Math: Thursday, April 25, 2024

1st and 2nd Grade STAR Reading: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

1st and 2nd Grade STAR Math: Friday, April 26, 2024

The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a student responds, and each student will see different questions. If you or your student would like to review **Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math** sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Sherry McLellan at sherry.mclellan@stjohns.k12.fl.us

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at ELFAST.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,



Nikki Appelquist