

Understanding Assessments



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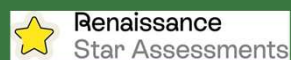
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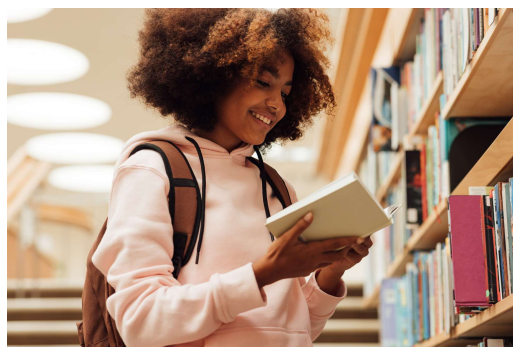
Star Reading Screener

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Overview of Star Reading Screener



- Star Assessments are short tests that provide teachers with personalized learning data for each student.
 - Early Literacy (K-3rd)
 - Reading (2nd-5th)
- Data from screeners helps the school monitor student growth and identify which students need additional support to meet learning goals.



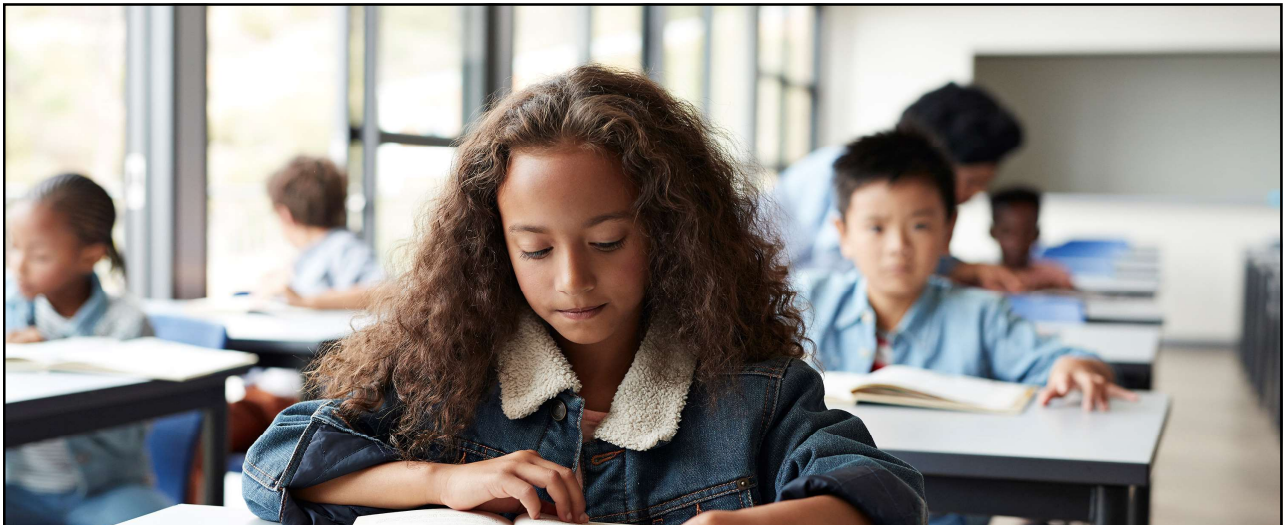
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Star Reading Screener



- K-5 students take the screener three times a year: beginning, middle and end.
- Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust in difficulty to each answer students provide and helps shorten testing time.
- Star Parent Reports were sent via ParentSquare and shared at Student-led Conferences in September and January.

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Scholastic Reading Assessment

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Overview of Scholastic



The Scholastic Reading Program is a reading system that is used to determine a student's reading level (A-Z).

- It provides teachers with information on what skills and strategies a student needs to practice to improve their reading.



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Scholastic Reading Assessment



- K-5 students are assessed three times a year: beginning, middle and end.

Scholastic Reading Assessment Steps

1. Student reads a book
 - Not timed
 - Errors are counted
2. Student retells the story after reading
3. Comprehension questions are asked
4. Reading level (A-Z) is determined

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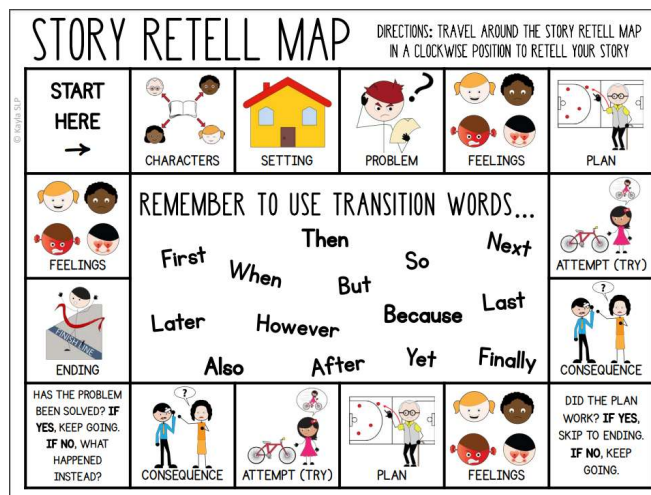
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Students should read at least 15 minutes at home **every day**.

Families can **practice retelling** to build comprehension anytime they read together at home.

Use the **story retell map** as a visual guide for students. Parents can use **guiding questions** to assist students with retelling.



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Overview of i-Ready



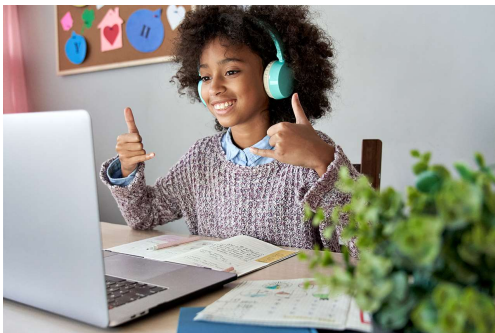
iReady is an online program that helps your student's teacher:

- determine your student's needs
- personalize their learning
- monitor their progress throughout the school year



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i-Ready Math Screener



iReady Screener

- K-5 students take an online diagnostic test three times per year- beginning, middle and end.
- Test questions are individualized based on answers to the previous questions.
 - For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions..
- Data from screeners helps the school identify which students need additional support to meet learning goals.

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i-Ready Math Screener



- Students are tested in 4 areas:
 1. Algebra
 2. Numbers & Operations
 3. Geometry
 4. Measurement & Data



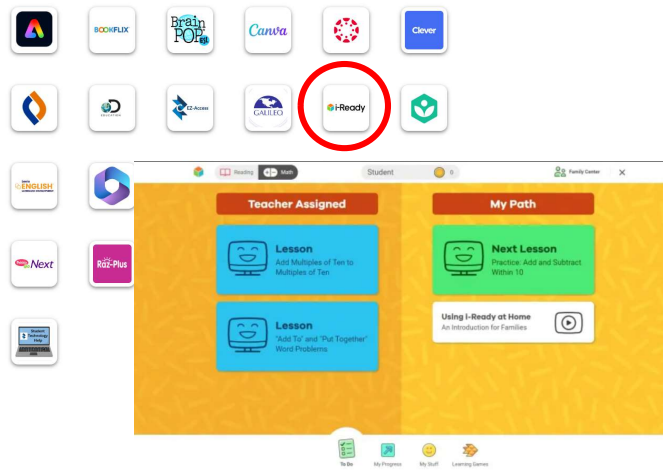
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Elementary School Resources

- Students can access and complete **i-Ready lessons from home** on a tablet or computer.
- Use the directions on the **handout** to navigate to i-Ready at home.



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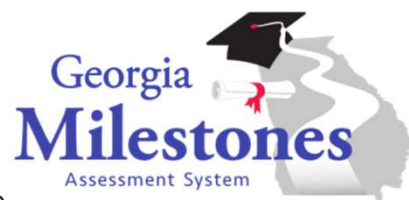


Georgia Milestones Assessment

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Overview of Georgia Milestones Assessment

- The Georgia Milestones is a comprehensive summative assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school.
- In elementary schools, the Georgia Milestones measure how well 3rd-5th grade students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards (Georgia Standards of Excellence) in:
 - English Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science (5th grade only)
- Teachers and administrators use the results to improve instructional best practices.

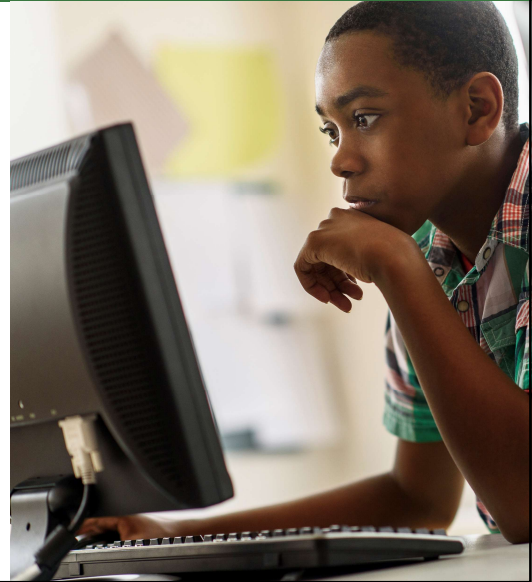


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Georgia Milestones Assessment Delivery

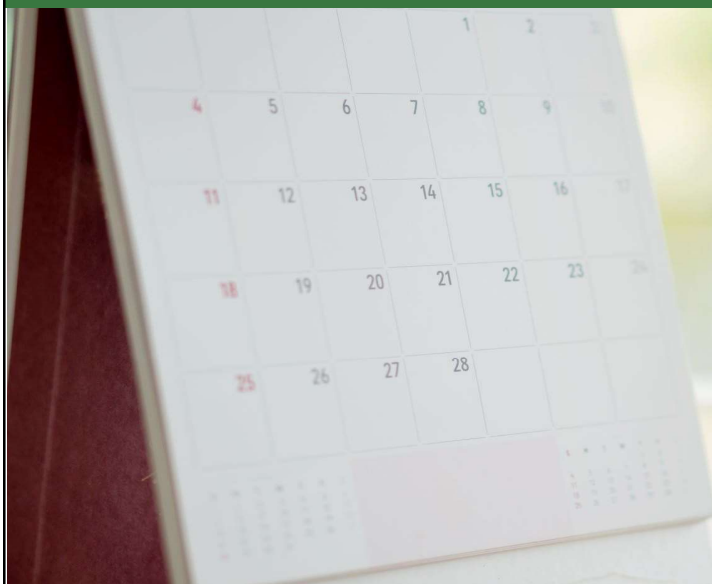
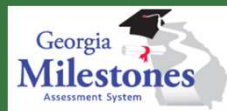


- All GA Milestones assessments are administered/completed online.
- Times for each assessment range from 60 minutes to 90 minutes depending on the day.
- After the assessment, students will continue instruction and normal school activities for the remainder of the day.



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Georgia Milestones Assessment Dates



3rd Grade

- April 21-25

4th Grade

- April 28-May 2

5th Grade

- May 5-9

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ELA Test Format

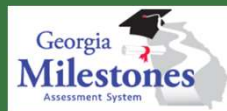


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- Multiple Choice
- Written Response
- Essay

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Math Assessment Format



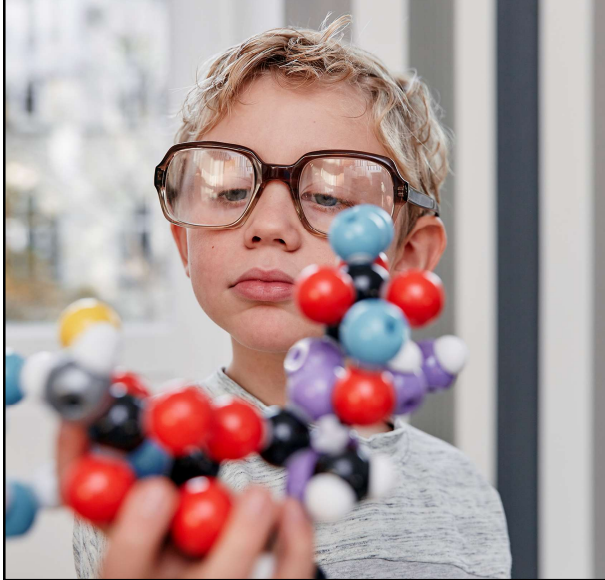
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- Multiple Choice
- Open-ended (plot, drag & drop, etc.)



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Science Assessment Format- 5th Grade Only

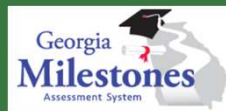


42 Questions

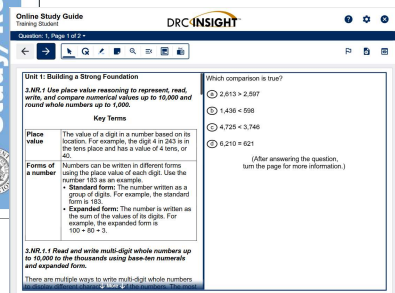
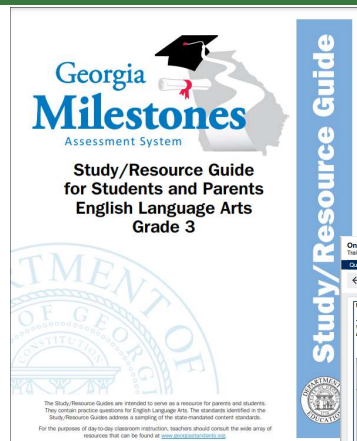
- Multiple Choice
- Open-ended (drag & drop, drop-down, etc.)

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Resource- Study Guides



- **Study guides** are available for each grade level and subject tested.
- Links and directions to access are included on your **handout**.

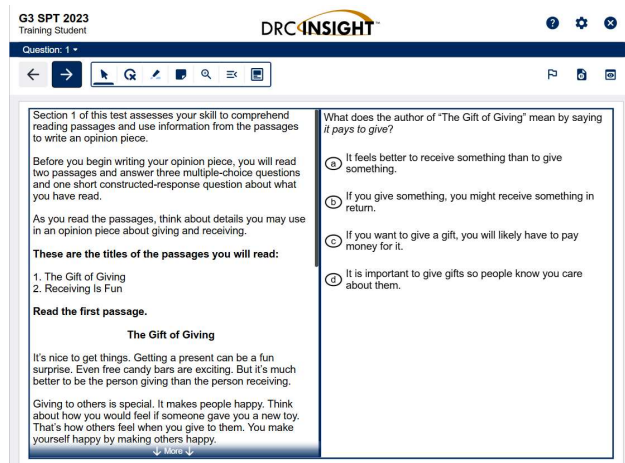


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Resource- Online Practice Test



- An **online practice test** is available for students to familiarize themselves with the online format and test tools available.
- Links and directions to access are included on your **handout**.



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WIDA ACCESS

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Overview of WIDA ACCESS



- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is an English language proficiency assessment for Grades K-12. It is a federally mandated test used to monitor the English language development of students identified as English language learners.
- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 measures students' abilities to understand and produce English used within school settings. The four sections of the test are Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing.



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Resources - Language Learning



- If you missed October's parent engagement event, we encourage you to visit the Hasty website to review the presentations on **reading, writing, speaking and listening**.
- **Handouts** are available for interested parents.

How Can I Support My Child's Language Learning? / ¿Cómo puedo apoyar el aprendizaje del idioma de mi hijo(a)?

[Introduction Presentation/ Introducción de Presentación](#)

[Writing Presentation/ Presentación Escrita](#)

[Writing Handout/ Folleto de escritura](#)

[Writing Checklists/ Escribir listas de verificación](#)

[Phonics Chart/ Tabla de fonética](#)

[Reading Presentation/ Presentación de lectura](#)

[Reading Handout/ Folleto de lectura](#)

[Comprehension Bookmarks/ Marcadores de comprensión](#)

[Retell Bookmark/ Marcador de volver a contar](#)

[Speaking Presentation/ Presentación Oral](#)

[Speaking Handout/ Folleto para hablar](#)

[Food Vocabulary/ Vocabulario de comidas](#)

[Shares of Meaning/ Sombras de significado](#)

STRATEGIES TO HELP DEVELOP LANGUAGE AT HOME	
Strategy	Example
Self-talk is when you analyze and talk about what you are doing as you do it in front of your child.	"Look what Mommy is doing. Mommy is cooking chicken. First, I'm going to season the chicken and then I'm going to put it in the pot."
Parallel talk is when you narrate and talk about what your child is doing as they do it.	"Look at the apples I have. Apples are fruits that taste sweet and crispy. There are many different colored apples." "Wow, you are building a castle with your blocks. You put the blue block on top of the red block. Let's count how many blocks you used. One, two, three, four, five blocks!"
Expansion is when you form a complete sentence out of the word or phrase your child produces.	Him/Her: "Big Dog" Parent: "Yes, the dog is big" Him/Her: "Milk" Parent: "You want milk?" or "You see milk?"
Extension is when you add information to the words or phrases your child produces.	Him/Her: "Red car" Parent: "Yes, the car is red and it's fast too. It reminds me of the car in your favorite movie Cars."

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Overview of GKIDS

- **G**- Georgia
 - **K**- Kindergarten
 - **I**- Inventory
 - **D**- Developing
 - **S**- Skills
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- GKIDS 2.0 documents your child's progress on the Georgia Standards of Excellence throughout his/her kindergarten year.
 - This report card is designed to explain your child's instructional progress. It showcases a sequence of stages from basic to more complex thinking on each concept and skill that is assessed.



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Overview of GKIDS



- The GKIDS Detailed Student Report provides parents with detailed information about a child's progress in the following areas:

English/ Language Arts	Mathematics	Social Studies	Science
Approaches to Learning	Social Development	Personal Development	Motor Skills

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Overview of GKIDS



Approaches to Learning	student's attitude toward learning and using new skills. Behaviors that are assessed include curiosity, initiative, creativity, paying attention and completing tasks.
Personal Development	student's confidence and ability to express his or her emotions and needs appropriately
Social Development	student's ability to interact with adults and other children in a school setting.
Motor Skills	student's ability to demonstrate age-appropriate fine and gross motor skills.

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Resources



The GKIDS **parent website** provides:

- additional information on the assessment including skills on which students will be assessed
- guidance on understanding the student report
- activities to complete at home that support students' understanding of the big ideas within each domain



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Parent Resources and Tips

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Georgia Standards of Excellence

- The learning goals for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.
- All K-5 standards can be found online.
 - ELA
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Fine Arts
 - Physical Education



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Parent Resources- Parent Resource Center

- Books, literacy games, math games and other resources are available for parents to checkout and use to improve achievement at home.
- Please contact the Parent Engagement Facilitators:
Rebecca Warren & Paige Tatum
 - Rebecca.warren@cherokeek12.net
 - Paige.tatum@cherokeek12.net



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Parent Tips for Student Success

Between now and the assessment window:

- Make sure your child is at school and on time every day. Being absent from school decreases a student's ability to learn. In addition, absent students lose interest in school, which results in low academic performance.
- Encourage your student to read every night and practice their math facts. Activities distributed at student-led conferences in September and January are great resources.
- Explain the purpose of the tests. The assessments give students an opportunity to show what they have learned in school. They also give teachers information that helps them plan instruction.

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Parent Tips for Student Success

On Testing Days:

- Be certain your student gets plenty of sleep and has a healthy breakfast and lunch. Taking tests is hard work for many students and can require a lot of energy.
- Be sure your student is at school on time. Rushing and worrying about being late could affect performance on the tests.
- Encourage your child to try their best (follow directions, avoid careless errors, and review their work).
- Remember to ask your student about the testing at the end of each day.

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We Need Your Feedback!

- Please complete the feedback form.
- Your feedback helps us improve and provide parents with the information they need to help their student succeed.

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