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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 of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Kindergarten will take the Renaissance Star Early Literacy and Star Math assessments on August 25th and 26th. Grades 1 and 2 will take the Star reading test and the Star math test on August 25th and 26th. PM2 dates are tentatively set for December 1st and 2nd. Students with testing accommodations may test on alternate dates based on the availability of test administrators. Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed. Students who earn a scale score of 852 or higher on Star Early Literacy are considered "probable readers." Any kindergarten student who scores 852 on Star Early Literacy may take Star Reading for the next progress monitoring.

Computer-Based Assessments

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the 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/families.html>. The Star Early Literacy CBT 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.

Paper-Based Assessments

If your student's testing accommodation includes paper-based testing, FAST assessments will be administered on paper, per his or her Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. If you or your student would like to review Star Reading and/or Star Math sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>. The Star Reading PBT

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If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Marye Restrepo at Marye.restrepo@browardschols.com. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at <https://flfast.org/fsa.html>. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Riquelme Rodriguez.