

# Starkey Elementary School

*School Vision: 100% Student Success*

*School Mission: Providing children opportunities to love learning and reach their dreams*

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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 your student will participate in the administration (PM3) of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA Reading and Mathematics assessments. Grade 3 will be tested on May 7 and 8 for reading and May 21 and 22 for Math. Grades 5 will take the Writing test on April 2 and 3 and grade 4 will take the Writing test on April 9 and 10. Grade 5 will take the science test on May 14 and 15. Finally, Grades 4 and 5 will test Reading and Math on May 20 and 21. 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.

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 from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will cover the entire test “blueprint,” meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level.

For more information on the test design, please visit  
<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>.

If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST ELA Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at  
<https://flfast.org/families.html>.

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org. If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact me at 727-547-7841 at ext. 2014.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging your student during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Riddick, assistant principal  
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