



# ***Lakewood Elementary School***

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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 take either the Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Renaissance Star Early Literacy or Star Reading, and Star Math between August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 or first grade student who scores 852 on Star Early Literacy may take Star Reading in the next PM.

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 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 Assistant Principal Thomas Muirhead at (727) 893-2196 ext. 2015.

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.

Please note a digital version of this letter is available on the school website and has been sent via email to all parents with an email address listed in focus.

Sincerely,

Principal Renee Nellenbach

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