



JANUARY 2024



Important Info:

JANUARY 8TH: CLASSES RESUME

JANUARY 9TH: TITLE III TUTORING BEGINS

JANUARY 11TH: PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION

JANUARY 12TH: PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL TREAT

JANUARY 15TH: MLK JR. DAY - NO SCHOOL
I-READY CHALLENGE BEGINS

JANUARY 16TH: FIELD DAY GRADES 2 & 3

JANUARY 17TH: FIELD DAY GRADES K & 1

JANUARY 18TH: FIELD DAY GRADES 4 & 5
END OF 2ND 9 WEEKS

JANUARY 19TH: TEACHER PLANNING DAY

JANUARY 22ND: START OF 3RD 9 WEEKS

JANUARY 25TH: CLASS PICTURES

JANUARY 26TH: FAST PM2 WINDOW ENDS
FAST RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

JANUARY 29TH: I-READY AP2 WINDOW BEGINS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
WINTER BREAK - CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 8TH, 2024						
7 Celebrate Literacy Week Florida! 	8 Welcome Back!	9 FAST Progress Monitoring Assessment 2 Continues Title III tutoring begins	10	11 Perfect Attendance Recognition	12 Principal's Honor Roll Treat (1st Nine Weeks)	13
14 	15 No School - MLK Jr. Day	16 Field Day Grade 2 - AM Grade 3 - PM	17 Field Day Kinder - AM 1st Grade - PM	18 Field Day Grade 4 - AM Grade 5 - PM End of 2nd Nine Weeks School Tour #1	19 NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning Day - No School	20
I-READY CHALLENGE JANUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 15						
21 	22 Start of 3rd 9 Weeks	23	24	25 Class Pictures 	26 FAST Recognition Breakfast 8:00am - 8:30 am	27
28	29 I-Ready AP 2 Window Begins	30	31 			



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Dear Families,

In the VPK Program, our goal is to help develop and nurture students' early literacy and numeracy skills. This year, your child will be taking Renaissance Star Early Literacy® to gauge their performance on early literacy and numeracy skills as part of Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) using Star Early Literacy. At minimum, the assessment will be administered at the beginning, middle and end of the program year to monitor your child's progress. Your child's teacher will determine if additional progress monitoring is needed.

Star Early Literacy® is a computer-adaptive assessment that uses audio in which a narrator reads the questions to students. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds. The assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. Star Early Literacy® will provide important information for your child's teacher to plan instruction to meet your child's educational needs. You will receive timely information about your child's progress.

The Star Early Literacy® assessment is aligned with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for 4-year olds. To learn more about age-appropriate activities to support your child's learning at home, use the [First Teacher: A Parent's Guide to Growing and Learning 4-Year-Olds](#), also available in [Spanish](#) and [Haitian Creole](#).

Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with any questions regarding the implementation and progress monitoring of Star Early Literacy®.

Thank you for partnering with us and supporting your child's learning.

Sincerely,


Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal
Principal



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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 the Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s) on a date between January 9th and January 23rd. Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, 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. If you or your student would like to review 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 Ms. Fernandez, Assistant Principal, at (305) 221-5632. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal
Principal