



Welcome to Understanding the FAST Assessment for 1st Grade Reading & Mathematics

PLEASE NOTE:

This is an informative session ONLY.
Parent/Teacher Conferences will need to be
scheduled with your child's teacher if needed.



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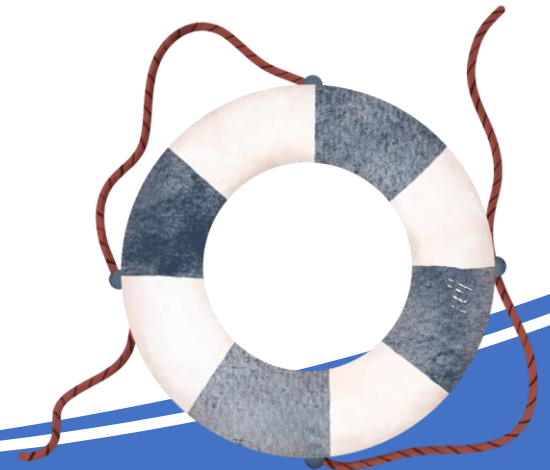
What is the FAST Assessment?

F.A.S.T stands for:

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking

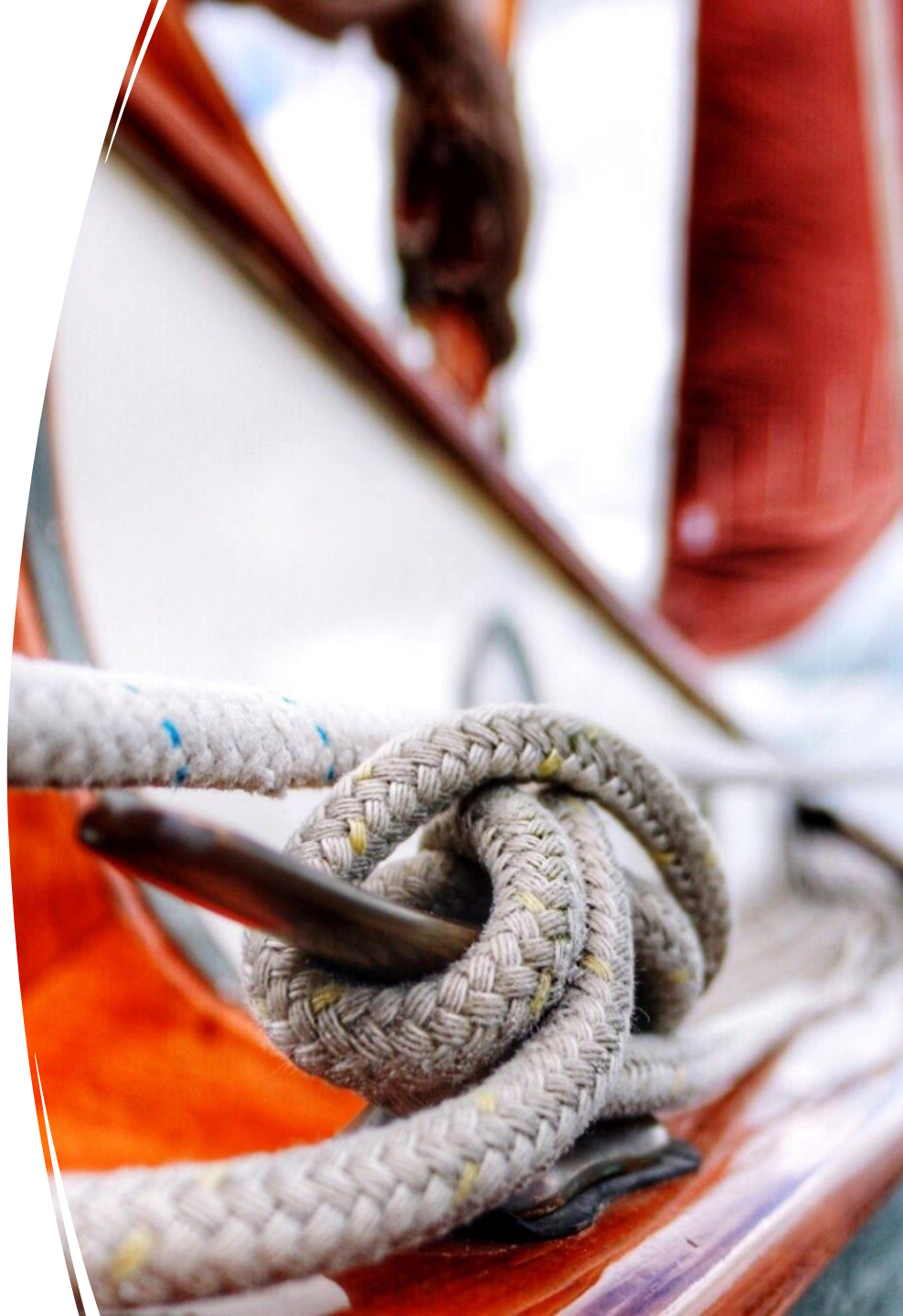
Website for practice tests and other items:

<https://flfast.org/>



Why is the FAST Assessment Important?

- Provides insight into your child's academic strengths and needs
- Helps teachers adjust instruction to better support students
- A tool for schools to ensure students are on track for success





What is Tested in K-2 Grade?

Early Literacy, Star Reading, & Star Mathematics

FAST for students in grades K–2 is administered three times a year using Renaissance Learning’s Star assessments, as shown in the table below.

Grade	Star Early Literacy	Star Reading	Star Mathematics
Kindergarten	PM1, PM2, PM3		PM1, PM2, PM3
First Grade	PM1, PM2	PM3	PM1, PM2, PM3
Second Grade		PM1, PM2, PM3	PM1, PM2, PM3



Administration Windows

FAST is administered during three windows in the school year (PM1, PM2, and PM3). The following windows have been established to provide schools with maximum scheduling flexibility; they do not reflect the amount of time one school will spend administering tests.

- PM1: August 5–September 27, 2024
- PM2: December 2, 2024–January 24, 2025
- PM3: April 14–May 30, 2025

Kenwood's First Grade Assessment Dates:

Math: Wednesday, April 23rd

Reading: Wednesday, April 30th



Session Lengths

All FAST assessments are administered in one session in one day, and it is recommended that students only take one subject test per day.

Students may be assigned extended time if indicated on their Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.

The Renaissance Learning platform allows for the following item time limits and average length of assessments without extended time:



Subject	Item Time Limit	Items per Test	Average Test Length
Star Early Literacy	150 seconds per item	27	10–20 minutes
Star Reading	120 seconds per item (first 10 items) 180 seconds per item (remaining skill items)	34	15–20 minutes
Star Math	4 minutes per item	34	20–30 minutes

Test Format & Expectations

- Online-based assessment
- Multiple-choice
- Adaptive testing: Questions get harder or easier based on responses
- The last administration will provide a summative score that will measure student mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards at the end of the school year. It will be used for school accountability.



Sample Test Questions

1. $6+5+3 =$

14 12 8 20

2. Which clock shows 10:30 ?



3.
$$\begin{array}{r} 35 \\ + 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

41 35 311 49

4. Two hundred fifty

20050 250 2500 2050

5.
$$\begin{array}{r} 87 \\ - 21 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

45 66 20 108

Bill has a new cat. The cat likes to run and jump. The cat is tiny but will get larger.

What word tells how Bill's cat looks?

1 jump

2 run

3 tiny





Additional Considerations:

- Students who earn a scale score of **852** or higher on Star Early Literacy are considered “probable readers.” So, any kindergarten or first grade student who scores **852** on Star Early Literacy may take Star Reading in the next PM.
- This includes PM1 for first graders who scored an **852** in kindergarten.
- Students who move to Star Reading in PM2 and/or PM3 may also continue to take Star Early Literacy for consistent data points.



- All first-grade students must attempt **Star Reading in PM3**. All second-grade students must attempt Star Reading in all three PM windows.
- If a student does not pass the practice items after **two attempts**, the district should administer Star Early Literacy to the student to gain additional instructional information.
- Districts may direct schools to administer Star Reading to First Grade students for all three PM windows.





FAST Grades K–2 Reporting

K–2 Reading and Mathematics scores are reported based on the following (for PM1, PM2, and PM3):

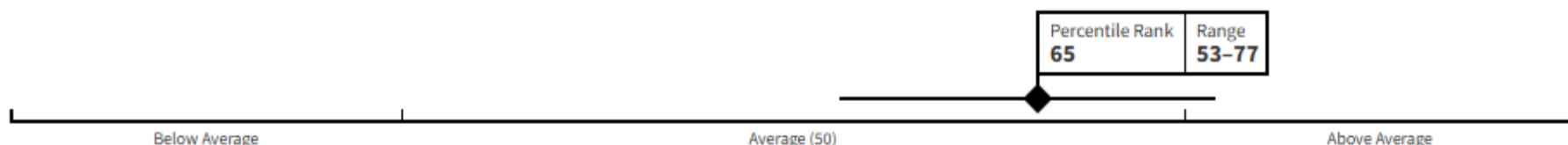
- Students receive an overall scale score and percentile rank.
- Students also receive the grade equivalent, which indicates the grade placement of students for whom a particular score is typical.
- In addition, students receive the Instructional Reading Level (IRL) and Lexile Range (Star Reading Only).

Parent Report for [REDACTED]

School	Teacher	Class	Grade	Test Date
Kenwood K-8 Center	Arevalo, I.	Arevalo - P Hr 100101 241 Elementary Homeroom	1	Dec 17, 2024 9:33 AM

Dear Parent or Guardian of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has taken a Star Early Literacy assessment on the computer. Star Early Literacy measures your child's proficiency in up to nine areas that are important in reading development. As with any assessment, many factors can affect your child's scores. It is important to understand that these scores provide only one picture of how your child is doing in school.

**825**

Scaled Score

The Scaled Score is your child's overall score, calculated based on both the difficulty of the questions and the number of correct responses. Scaled Scores in Star Early Literacy on the Unified scale range from 200 to 1100 and span the grades Pre-K through 3.

65

Percentile Rank (PR)

[REDACTED] skills are higher than 65% of students nationally in the same grade. This score is at average. The PR Range indicates that, if [REDACTED] had taken the Star Early Literacy test many times, most of their scores would likely have been between 53-77.

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Grade Equivalent (GE)

GE scores range from PK.0 to >3.9. Based on national norms, [REDACTED] early literacy skills are comparable to those of a typical 1st grader in the sixth month of the school year. The score does not necessarily indicate the ability to read independently at this grade level.

How Can Parents Help at Home?

- Ensure they arrive to school on-time DAILY (8:20AM late bell rings)
- Inspire them think positively.
- Encourage them to read for enjoyment!
- Motivate them to use strategies learned on test days.
- Support their completion of i-Ready lessons in both Reading and Math for 50 minutes each per week.
 - Help them stay engaged throughout lessons to achieve a passing score of 80% or higher.
- **On test day make sure your child:**
 - **Gets a good night's sleep**
 - **Eats a healthy breakfast**

