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Dear Parent/Guardian of K-2 student(s),

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 tests for their grade level on the dates listed below. Your student's results from PM3 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Grade 2 STAR Reading: Tuesday, April 22 Grade 1 STAR Reading: Wednesday, April 23 Kindergarten STAR Early Literacy: Thursday, April 24 Grade 2 STAR Math: Friday, April 25 Grade 1 STAR Math: Tuesday, April 29 Kindergarten STAR Math: Wednesday, April 30

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/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 our Testing Coordinator, Lindsey Culbreth at Lindsey.culbreth@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

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,

Katie O'Connell