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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 in grades K-2 will take the FAST assessment on the following dates:

Grade	Assessment	Date
К	Star Early Literacy	August 24 <sup>th</sup>
К	Math	August 25 <sup>th</sup>
1	Star Early Literacy	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>
1	Math	August 29 <sup>th</sup>
2	Reading	August 21 <sup>st</sup>
2	Math	August 28 <sup>th</sup>

Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and you will be able to access the results through HAC. Scores will be loaded every two weeks on a rolling-basis during each testing window.

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 <a href="https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star">https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star</a>.

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 Audra Wilson at <u>audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at <u>FLFAST.org</u>.

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

Sincerely,

Zachary Strom Principal