

# DURBIN CREEK 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 for 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 Assessment appropriate for their grade level [Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s)] on the date listed below. The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a 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/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

April 15<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade – PM3 Reading

April 16<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – PM3 Reading

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade – PM3 Math

April 25<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – PM3 Math

April 26<sup>th</sup> – K-2 – PM3 Reading and Math Makeups

[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 Gwen Kling at [Gwendolyn.kling@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Gwendolyn.kling@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at [FLFAST.org](http://FLFAST.org).

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

Sincerely,

Ashley McCormick