

**Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) using Star Early Literacy**  
**Family Letter: What Families Need to Know**

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.

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