



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be 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 participate in the first administration (PM1) of the Grade 3, 4, and/or 5 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading and Mathematics assessments on the dates below. Your student’s results from PM1 are for informational purposes only. You can access your child’s results through the Florida Department of Education Parent Portal. Directions for this process will be communicated by the school, as well as the school website as soon as we have them.

Grade Level	ELA	Math
3 rd Grade	August 23	August 24
4 th Grade	August 25	August 26
5 th Grade	August 29	August 30
Make ups	September 6-7	September 8-9

- Students may not have any electronic devices while taking this assessment.
- No hand-held calculators are permitted on this assessment.
- If a student arrives late and testing has begun, students will need to wait in the front office or a classroom that is not testing at that time.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will cover the entire test “blueprint,” meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Carrie Abes at Carrie.Abes@CapeCharterSchools.org. For more information about the FAST 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,

MaryBeth Grecsek