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Ben Threadgill, Principal

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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 second administration (PM2) of the Grade Level specific (3rd, 4th or 5th) Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading and Mathematics assessments on the administration dates below. Your student’s results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, and your student’s teacher will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Grade Level	Assessment	Dates
Third / 3rd	FAST Reading	Tuesday, December 6
Third / 3rd	FAST Math	Wednesday, December 7
Fourth / 4th	FAST Reading	Tuesday, December 6
Fourth / 4th	FAST Math	Wednesday, December 7
Fifth / 5th	FAST Reading	Tuesday, December 6
Fifth / 5th	FAST Math	Wednesday, December 7

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 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>.

All tests are scheduled to begin promptly at 8:45 a.m. Please help ensure your student gets a good night’s rest and arrives at school on time. This will help set students up for success by providing them with the opportunity to test with their own teacher and classmates.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Ava Williams, Assistant Principal, at williamsa8@leonschools.net or 850-414-5610. 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,

Ben Threadgill
Principal