



Spring 2015 Florida State Assessments at Academie Da Vinci

Schedule and Plan of Assessments

- ▶ Writing - Paper test - grades 4 & 5 Tuesday March 3- up to 90 minutes, with an extra 30 minutes if needed, **recess and snack before and recess afterwards*
- ▶ Reading - Paper test - grades 3 & 4 Tuesday March 24 and Wednesday March 25- 80 minutes each day - there are 56-60 questions in total over the 2 days
- ▶ Math - Paper test - grades 3 & 4 - Tuesday April 7 and Wednesday April 8 - 80 minutes each day - there are 60-64 items in total over the 2 days

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- ▶ Reading Test on the laptops - grade 5 - Tuesday April 14 and Wednesday April 15- 80 minutes each day - there are 56-60 items in total over the 2 days- headphones needed for a portion of this test
- ▶ Math Test on the laptops - grade 5 - Tuesday April 28 and Wednesday April 29- 80 minutes each day- there are 60-64 items in total over the 2 days
- ▶ FCAT Science - Paper test - grade 5 - Tuesday May 5 and Wednesday May 6 - 80 minutes each day - there are 60-66 items in total over the 2 days

More details....

- ▶ Accommodations are provided to all students with an IEP or a 504 Plan, as specified in the student's plan
- ▶ The plan of recess before and after the test will be evaluated after the Writing test - if it's effective, it will be provided for all test dates
- ▶ Make up tests will be given on the 2 days following each test date - make ups will continue to the end of the "test window" *Let's try for perfect attendance and avoid make ups if possible!*
- ▶ Attendance awards will be given to all students who attend on all their test dates

ADV's Test Preparations

- ▶ All grade 3-5 teachers have been using materials designed to help the students prepare for the tests: our curriculum is aligned with the Florida Standards, this year's common assessments, practice tests, and keyboard time for 5th graders
- ▶ Math Tutoring is available for grades 4 & 5 after school
- ▶ Mr. Hart's 4th grade Math Club provides extra practice and fun math
- ▶ We've had meetings to plan logistics and will continue to do the planning needed to make this spring a success
- ▶ Administrator training is ongoing.
- ▶ Extra staff will be here for all test dates

How you can support your child through the testing ?

- ▶ The tests are based on what they have learned in class
- ▶ Student have the opportunity for practice tests and the opportunity to review the correct answers
- ▶ Testing is a normal part of school - a good effort and reviewing answers before finishing are helpful
- ▶ Teaching your child to manage anxiety is very supportive - children who believe they will do well tend to do better
- ▶ Supporting your child to “stick with it” is very helpful
- ▶ Regular attendance and being on time to school is critical
- ▶ A good sleep and a good breakfast are essential