

August 19, 2021

## Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Florida kindergarten students are screened during the first 30 days of school using the Star Early Literacy<sup>®</sup> assessment as the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS). All Kindergarten students in the St. Johns School District are required to have this screener completed by September 27, 2021. The results of this screening provide valuable information about a child's readiness for school, help teachers develop lesson plans to meet each child's individual needs, and offer useful information to parents. The FLKRS screening is based upon the performance standards approved for use in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program.

Star Early Literacy<sup>®</sup> is a computer-adaptive test that consists of 27 questions and takes about 15 minutes for kindergarten students to complete. Students will use a touchscreen computer to answer the questions, which are spoken aloud on the computer and include simple visual displays. Your child's teacher will provide practice time for your child to become familiar with the testing setup before he or she participates in the official FLKRS assessment.

If you have any questions about the FLKRS test administration, you may contact Michelle Jackson at michelle.jackson@stjohns.k12.fl.us. FLKRS must be administered on campus.

For more information about the FLKRS program, please visit the FLKRS page on the FDOE website at <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/flkrs">http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/flkrs</a>.

Sincerely,

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