

Dear Families,

In a few months students will be taking the ELA and Math State Tests. Overall, the most important thing is **MONITORING YOUR CHILD'S STRESS LEVEL**. Make sure they are sleeping well, moving, and feeling good about what they already know. This is their first official testing experience and keeping it low-stress will help your child feel positive and ready.

At the recent testing workshop, Maggie gave a short but not comprehensive list of how you can help your child outside of school. Below are some suggestions from her as well as the 3rd grade team. Please note some websites may require you to make a free account.

One last thing, please **DO NOT use old practice tests** with your child. Remind tutors of this as well. This will interfere what we will do in class.

ELA	Math
<p>Things to do at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - build stamina by increasing the number of minutes your child reads each night (reading WITH your kid) - read short texts of all kinds and genres (including books and magazines) - <i>Ask questions about their reading like:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What is the big idea/theme?</i> - <i>What is the author's point of view? (What does the author want you to know?)</i> - <i>Why did the author choose that word/title?</i> - <i>How does this paragraph connect to the whole piece?</i> <p>Practice/Websites for Short Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newsela https://newsela.com - Readworks readworks.org - K5Learning http://www.k5learning.com/ <p>*sites are free but you may have to make an account</p>	<p>Things to do at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - brush up on math facts (addition/subtraction/multiplication) - play math games such as Zeus on the Loose or Yahtzee - have your child do math word problems - have your child explain why they got an answer to a math problem and help them check their work - watch a math video by Khan Academy - practice solving addition/subtraction problems within 1000 and multiplication/division within 100 - practice telling time with an analog clock <p>Practice/Websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dreambox http://www.dreambox.com/ - Khan Academy https://www.khanacademy.org/ - Math Salamanders https://www.math-salamanders.com/free-3rd-grade-math-worksheets.html

The dates for the State Tests are below. Please make sure to not plan any vacations over those weeks.

April 11th and 12th - ELA
May 1st and 2nd - Math

Thanks so much and please reach out if you have any questions!

3rd Grade Team

