## **FSA Parent Night**



Weatherbee Elementary School 2015-2016

## What is the FSA Mathematics Test?



- The FSA mathematics test is the test administered statewide in Florida public schools that is directly linked to the Florida Standards.
- The FSA mathematics test was designed to represent the kinds of tasks and activities that parents and teachers expect as part of good instruction.
- The FSA Mathematics test requires students to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate the information presented and to apply strategies or procedures they have learned.
  - ✓ The level of thinking required of students goes beyond the recall of facts and literal comprehension required in many standardized tests.

# When is the FSA Mathematics Test?

- ✓ Math 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade:
- \* The week of March 28th, 2016

Specific dates are forthcoming...

- ✓ Math 5<sup>th</sup> grade:
- **❖** April 11<sup>th</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# FSA Question Formats by Grade

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Item response types will be:

- Multiple Choice
- •Multi-Select
- Equation Response
- Gridded Response

# FSA Question Formats by Grade

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (On the Computer!)

Item response types will be:

- Multiple Choice
- •Multi-Select
- Equation Response
- Open Response
- Combined Item Types

### **Training Tests**

□ <a href="http://fsassessments.org/">http://fsassessments.org/</a>

#### How can parents help?

- Stay in touch with the teachers
  - Monitor your child's progress
  - Ask for guidance when you have concerns or questions
  - Teachers appreciate your involvement
- Be aware of expectations / requirements
  - Know what is expected for each grade level and subject area
  - Review homework assignments each evening
- Make sure that your child is well rested on school days, especially on test days.
- Give your child a well-rounded diet. This will help ensure a healthy body and a healthy, active mind.

## Students should...

- Read each question carefully.
- Read each answer completely- the first part of the answer might be correct, but not the end of the answer.
- Know there is no penalty for guessing for multiple choice. Therefore, it is best to try to answer all questions, even if you are not sure of the correct answer.

#### **FSA Online Resources**

- >FSASSESSMENTS.org
- >CPALMS.org



# Thank you for your continued dedication in your child's education!

Your Weatherbee Elementary Family

## How can parents help?

- Make sure your child attends school regularly.
- Meet with your child's teacher to discuss his or her progress.
- Encourage your child, especially when he or she does well.
- Provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home.
- Make sure that your child is well rested on school days, especially on test days.
- Give your child a well-rounded diet. This will help ensure a healthy body and a healthy, active mind.
- Don't be too anxious about your child's test scores. The best advice you can give your child is to "just relax and do your best."