



Reading FSA

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1. Reading will be tested in April
 2. Reading will be all online (all grades)
 3. Practice test so kids get used to it
 4. Topics covered are
 - a. Key Idea and Details
 - b. Craft and Structure (Vocabulary)
 - c. Integration of knowledge and ideas (like compare and contrast)
 - d. Range of Text and Text Complexity
 - e. Writing

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1. Text dependent questions
 2. Multiple step multiple choice questions -
 - a. Part 1 and Part 2 - will have to get them both right to get the points
 - b. Questions comparing and contrasting multiple texts
- a.

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1. **Part 1:** Which sentence most identifies the central idea of the passage?
 - a. Climate change is having and will have negative effects on our environment
 - b. Climate change was having negative effects on our environment but not anymore
 - c. We can do something to reverse all the negative climate change effects
 - d. We can't do anything to reverse all the negative climate change effects

Part 2: Which 2 sentences from the passage BEST supports the answer to Part 1?

- a. "Climate change, is a change in the typical or average weather of a a region or city."
- b. "Observations show that Earth's climate has been warming."
- c. "Furthur sea-level rise and melting of snow and ice are likely as Earth warms."
- d. "Some NASA satellites and instruments observe EArth's land, air, water, and ice."



How can you help your child?

- Read.
- Read newspapers, periodicals, fairy tales, biographies, chapter books. Encourage your child to read every night.
 - Use other content sources (science, math, social studies text) as reading resources.
- Talk about what you've read. Write about what you've read.
- Stop at unknown words. Discuss what the words might mean and if the text helps understand the unknown word.
- Summarization is one of the most difficult tasks; provide relevant practice.
- Read.



Writing (Language Arts)

1. Argumentative or Informative essay based on 2-4 reading passages.
2. 120 minutes (Read, analyze, plan, and write their essay)
3. We've been practicing writing all year long in LA classes.
4. We've taken a mock Writing FSA
5. Out of 10 points
 - a. 2 pts for Conventions (spelling, grammar, etc)
 - b. 4 pts for Purpose, Focus and Organization
 - c. 4 pts for Evidence and Elaboration



How can you help your child?

- Write.

- Write about what you read.

- Use other content sources (science, math, social studies text) as writing resources. For example, during math homework have your child write one sentence explaining what he or she is solving.

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- Write.



Resources:

www.Fsassessments.org - practice tests, exemplars (perfect papers)

www.readworks.org