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HINDS COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY
PROJECT HEAD START

STAR Early Literacy Assessment Notification Letter

Dear Head Start Parents/Guardians:

We are writing to inform you that your child will be taking the STAR Early Literacy Fall Assessment. The test will help monitor students' literacy skills and their growth toward becoming independent readers. It can also be used to predict how well students will perform on state tests when they transition to public schools.

The STAR Early Literacy Assessment is a computer-adaptive test. Computer-adaptive tests continually adjust the difficulty level of each question based on the answer the child gave on the previous question. If a question is answered correctly, the difficulty level increases. If the question is answered incorrectly, the difficulty level decreases.

Attached is a calendar which shows when the assessment will be administered through Zoom at your child's Head Start center. Check the calendar closely to see what date your child's classroom will be tested. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule an appointment to take the assessment via Zoom.

Here are some things you can do to help your child do his/her best:

1. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before.
2. Make sure your child eats a nutritious breakfast before taking the test.
3. Make sure your child logs into Zoom on time for the assessment so he/she doesn't feel rushed or anxious.

If you have any questions about the STAR Early Literacy Assessment, please contact your center administrator.

Thank you.



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November 2020

STAR Early Literacy Assessment Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Edwards: A,B Mary C. Jones: A,B,C,D	3 Mary C. Jones: F,G,H,I	4 Mary C. Jones: J,K,L,M,N Midtown: A, B, C, D	5 Midtown: E,F,G	6 Isable: A	7	1 8
9 Westside: A,B,C,D	10 Westside: E,F,G,H Martin: A,B,C,D	11 Westside: I,M,N,O Martin: E,F,G,H Oak Forest: A,B,C	12 Westside: P,Q,R,S,T Martin: I,J,K,M Richard Brandon: A,B,C,D Oak Forest: D,E,F	13 Richard Brandon: E,F,G,H	14	15
16 Gertrude Ellis: A,B,C,D	17 Gertrude Ellis: E,F,G Eulander Kendrick: A,B,C Willowood: A,B,C	18 South Jackson: A,B,C Willowood: D,E,F	19 South Jackson: D,E,F St. Thomas: A,B,C	20 St. Thomas: D,E,G	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Testing Times: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.					