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HINDS COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY  
PROJECT HEAD START

## **STAR Early Literacy Assessment Notification Letter**

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Dear Head Start Parents/Guardians:

We are informing you that your child will be taking the STAR Early Literacy Winter Assessment in February. 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 kindergarten.

The STAR Early Literacy Assessment is a computer-adaptive test that will be administered by your child's teacher using Zoom. Students will identify pictures, phonemic sounds, letters, numbers, and words while completing the assessment. The questions on the assessment will become more challenging for each question answered correctly. If a question is answered incorrectly, the difficulty level decreases.

Enclosed is a calendar which shows when the assessment will be administered 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 child's teacher or your center administrator.

Thank you.



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# STAR Early Literacy Assessment Schedule

This calendar shows the date your child's classroom will take the Winter STAR Early Literacy Assessment. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule an appointment to take the test.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Edwards: A,B Mary C. Jones: A,B,C,D	2 Mary C. Jones: F,G,H,I	3 Mary C. Jones: J,K,L,M,N Midtown: A, B, C, E	4 Midtown: F,G,H	5 Eulander Kendrick: A,B,C	6	7
8 Westside: A,B,C,D	9 Westside: E,F,G,H	10 Westside: I,M,N,O South Jackson: A,B,C	11 Westside: P,Q,R,S,T South Jackson: D,E,F	12 Isable: A Gertrude Ellis: A,B,C,D	13	14
15 <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	16 Gertrude Ellis: E,F,G Martin: A,B,C,D	17 Martin: E,F,G Oak Forest: A,B,C	18 Martin: I,J,K,M Oak Forest: D,E,F	19 Richard Brandon: A,B,C,D	20	21
22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent/Staff Conference Day	23 St. Thomas: A,B,C Richard Brandon: E,F,G,H	24 St. Thomas: D,E,G	25 Willowood: A,B,C	26 Willowood: D,E,F	27	28
<b>Testing Times: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>						