

August 9, 2021

Dear Kindergarten Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Florida kindergarten students are screened during the first 30 days of school using the Star Early Literacy<sup>®</sup> assessment as the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS). The results of this screening provide valuable information about a child's readiness for school, help teachers develop lesson plans to meet each child's individual needs, and offer useful information to parents. The FLKRS screening is based upon the performance standards approved for use in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program.

Star Early Literacy<sup>®</sup> is a computer-adaptive test that consists of 27 questions and takes about 15 minutes for kindergarten students to complete. Students can use devices with a mouse, keyboard, or touchscreen to answer the questions, which are spoken aloud on the computer and include simple visual displays. Your child's teacher will provide practice time for your child to become familiar with the testing setup before he or she participates in the official FLKRS assessment.

If you have any questions about the FLKRS test administration, you may contact our school testing coordinator, Samantha Sawruk at <u>Samantha.sawruk@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>. For more information about the FLKRS program, please visit the FLKRS page on the FDOE website at <u>http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/flkrs</u>. Thank you for supporting your child and our school during this test administration. We look forward to working together with you to ensure your child has a successful kindergarten year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Goodwin, principal