

Bogdan Bulletin

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Character Counts Emphasis: Responsibility

This Friday, January 27th will be a dress down day for January birthdays. If for some unforeseen reason we are not in school, January birthdays may dress down on February 3rd.

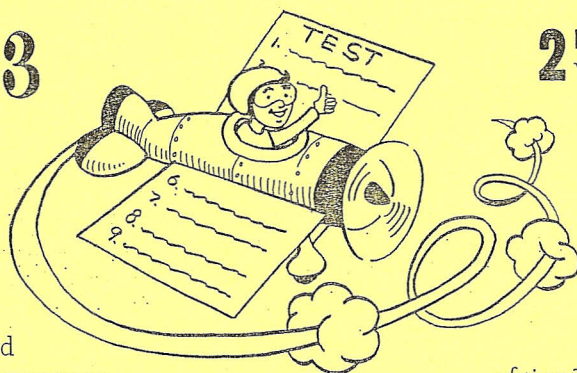
Testing 1-2-3

Even if your youngster is a good reader and writer, he may still have trouble when it comes to taking tests.

Preparing for tests, taking tests, and reviewing tests go hand in hand. Follow the tips below, and your child will be on his way to test success.

1 Before the test

Ask if your youngster's school offers sample tests. They are a great way to practice for both standardized and regular classroom tests. Sample tests help children become familiar with directions and what the test will look like.



2 During the test

Your child should always read the material carefully before he begins. Directions are important. If your child doesn't understand what to do, encourage him to ask the teacher to explain further.

3 After the test

Review the test results with your youngster. Discuss what went right and wrong. For example, did he run out of time? Next time, he might try answering the easier ones first, such as multiple choice.

Note: If you're concerned about your child's test results, talk with the teacher. She may suggest additional ways to help your youngster prepare for tests. ♥

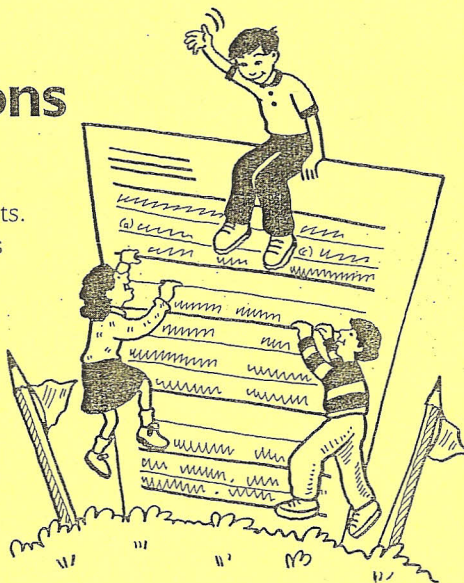
Tackling test questions

Hints for standardized tests

If it's spring, it's usually time for standardized tests. To help your youngster be prepared, share these tips about the types of questions that often appear.

Multiple choice: Read all the answers before marking your choice. Remember, your first instinct is usually best—so don't change your answer unless you're sure.

True/false: Look for words such as *never*, *always*, *all*, and *none*. They're usually in false answers. Words like *may* or *often* are generally found in true answers.



Essay: Read essay questions at least twice. Then, make a list of important thoughts, or key points, about each question before writing your essay. Read through the finished essay to be sure you've included all your key points. Check spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Tip: Your child may feel more comfortable if she's familiar with the test format. Ask your youngster's teacher for a sample test or look at the public library. ♥