



TEST-TAKING TIPS

STAR TESTING: TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH-THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

PREPARING FOR THE TEST	TESTING DAY	AFTER TESTING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note test dates on your home calendar – DO NOT schedule appointments on testing days• Develop a positive attitude. Tell yourself, “I will do my best on this test.”• Get a good night’s sleep the night before the test.• Get up early enough to avoid hurrying to get ready for school.• Eat a good, healthy breakfast (and lunch, if your test is in the afternoon).  	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay calm.• Listen carefully to the directions the teacher gives.• Ask questions if you don’t understand what to do.• Before you read a selection on the test, preview the questions that follow it to help focus your reading.• After reading a selection, read the entire question and all the answer choices. Stop and think of an answer. Look to see if your answer is similar to one of the choices given.• Read each test question carefully. Try to analyze what the question is really asking.• Slow down and check your answers.• Pace yourself. If you come to a difficult passage or set of questions, it may be better to skip it and go on, then come back and really focus on the difficult section.• If you are not sure of an answer to a question try these tips:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Get rid of answers that you know are not correct and choose among the rest.2. Read through all the answers very carefully, and go back to the question. Sometimes you can pick up clues just by thinking about the different answers you have been given to choose from.3. Go back and skim the story or article to see if you can find information to answer the question. Sometimes a word or sentence will be underlined to help you.4. It is okay to guess on this test, but try to make your BEST guess and be sure to answer ALL the questions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Before you turn in your test, check it over. Change an answer only if you have a good reason.• Make sure you have marked an answer for every question, even if you had to guess.• Make sure your answer sheet is clearly marked with a dark pencil. Erase any stray marks.• Don’t worry about the test once it is finished. Go on to do your best work on the other parts of the test and your other school assignments. 