



The Florida Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) of FND

Six Sundays for ***FCAT*** Success

Parental Involvement *Matters!* Parental Involvement *Makes A Difference!*

<p style="text-align: center;">WEEK ONE</p> <p>Early Spring and second semester means it is “FCAT Season” for Florida students. Parents are their child’s first and most important teacher. This test is an important part of your child’s education so encourage your child and reassure him/her of your support and prayers for this important test.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WEEK FOUR</p> <p>Reading comprehension is key to success on the FCAT. Take turns reading and discussing what was read with your child. Ask questions about what is being read <i>as</i> you read. Let reading become a part of family time when all family members are engaged in reading.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEEK TWO</p> <p>FCAT Writing is the first test, usually given in February. Have your child practice writing in complete sentences on homework, etc. Parent and child can take turns dictating and writing sentences or a story. Personal experiences enhance a child’s writing. Share your life stories with your child.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WEEK FIVE</p> <p>Math is a vital part of the FCAT and as parents we can demonstrate how math is a part of our every day lives. For example have your child help with the cooking, using various sizes and types of measuring tools. In the grocery store have your child sort or categorize items and estimate the change due after a purchase.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEEK THREE</p> <p>FCAT requires your child to have a broad range of knowledge and a good understanding of vocabulary. Start asking your child high order questions: questions where he/she has to explain an answer, not just give a one word answer. Use the word <i>WHY</i>. Example: What is your favorite color? Why? Why is the American flag red, white, and blue?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WEEK SIX</p> <p>The FCAT is <u>not</u> a test your child can “cram” for, but parents can help their child prepare.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise and award your child’s efforts • Stay in touch with teachers • Ensure adequate rest and nutritious meals • Make good use of time • Ask high order questions

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