





# The CRCT



March 29, 2011  
Centerville Elementary School

# Upcoming Events

- **Kindergarten Transition Parent Session**  
(for incoming kindergarten students)

Thursday, April 21, 2011

9:00-10:00 AM & 6:30-7:30 PM

- **Kindergarten Registration**

Thursday, May 5, 2011

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

- **Kindergarten Round-Up**

Thursday, May 12, 2011

9:00-11:00 AM



# Dates of the 2011 CRCT

- **The CRCT will be administered to grades 3-5 from April 25 – May 2.**

**Monday, April 25 – Reading**

**Tuesday, April 26 – Language  
Arts**

**Wednesday, April 27 – Math**

**Thursday, April 28 – Science**

**Friday, April 29 – Social Studies**

**Monday, May 2 – Make-up**



# What exactly is the CRCT?

- Criterion Reference Competency Test is a state test. It is used to identify individual student strengths and weaknesses and by the state to gauge the quality of education throughout the state of Georgia.
- It is Criterion Referenced, which means the scores reflect students achievement of certain criteria...in our case the AKS.
- It has 5 subtests: math, reading, language arts, science, and social studies.



# What the Scores Mean

PERFORMANCE LEVEL	SCALE SCORE:	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Exceeds Expectations (3)	850 >	Fantastic
Meets Expectations (2)	800 - 849	Good Job
Does Not Meet Expectations (1)	< 800	Needs Improvement





# CRCT at a Glance

## Reading

VOCABULARY is huge!

Longer passages

Explicit and ***Implicit*** questions

Questions based on specific reading skills



## Areas Tested:

Literacy Comprehension

Information and Media Literacy


Reading skills and Vocabulary Acquisition




## Sample Reading 3rd



Dear Grandma and Grandpa,



How are you? I am doing fine. What's new? I've been enjoying my summer. I have a paper route to earn some extra money. I am putting some of it in the college fund that you started for me. Besides my paper route, I've been taking swimming lessons from Uncle Vincent.



# Sample Reading 3<sup>rd</sup>

Which of the following **BEST** describes this passage?

- A. fiction
- B. nonfiction
- C. letter
- D. folktale



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# CRCT at a Glance

## English/ Language Arts

- VOCABULARY is huge!

### Areas Tested:

- Grammar and Sentence Construction
- Research and Writing Process





## Sample Language Arts 4th



Which word in the sentence below  
should be changed?

Tim asked if he could go to.

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- A. change *asked* to *asking*
  - B. change *he* to *him*
  - C. change *go* to *goes*
  - D. change *to* to *too*
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# CRCT at a Glance

## Math

- VOCABULARY is huge!
- Problem Solving skills
- Word Problem analysis
- Strategic thinking
- Mastery of multiplication facts



# CRCT at a Glance

## Math


### Areas Tested:

- Number Sense and Numeration
- Geometry
- Algebra/ Patterns and Relationships
- Measurement
- Data Analysis and Probability







## Sample Math 5<sup>th</sup>



The refreshment committee needs 500 plastic cups for the dance. If cups are sold in packages of 200, How many packages need to be purchased?

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- A. 2
  - B. 3
  - C. 20
  - D. 500
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# CRCT at a Glance

## **Social Studies**

- VOCABULARY is huge!

### **Areas Tested:**

- Geography
- History
- Economics
- Civics/ Government

# Sample Social Studies 5<sup>th</sup>

Maps and globes have lines that provide the reader with important information. For example, one of the lines is the equator. It is a line running east to west that divides the world into

- A. Eastern and Western Hemispheres.
- B. tropical and arctic regions.
- C. Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
- D. arid and wet regions.



# CRCT at a Glance

## Science

- VOCABULARY is huge!
- Scientific Method and experiment scenarios

## Areas Tested:

Physical Science

Life Science

Earth Science





## Sample Science 4<sup>th</sup>

An animal that eats only plants is called

- A. a herbivore.
- B. an omnivore.
- C. a carnivore.
- D. a scavenger.

# Promotion Requirements, 3rd

- For 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, students are required to pass the reading subtest to be promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. They must retake the test if they did not pass in July, during summer school.



# Promotion Requirements, 4th

- For 4<sup>th</sup> graders, students are required to pass all subtests. They must retake the subtest they did not pass in the summer. If they do not, they are promoted to transitional 5<sup>th</sup> grade, which includes 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade work.



# Promotion Requirements, 5th

- For 5<sup>th</sup> graders, students are required to pass the Gateway writing test in March and the math and reading subtest of the CRCT. Students must retake the subtest they did not pass in July.

[Click here for more information.](#)




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# What if a CRCT subtest is not passed the second time?

- If a student is still unsuccessful after their second attempt, an appeal may be conducted through the SST (Student Support Team) process.
- The SST will review the placement of all students who have not met the CRCT promotion requirement, but who earned no grade lower than a “B” on report cards all year.




# What if a CRCT subtest is not passed the second time?

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- 4<sup>th</sup> grade- A's & B's in science and social studies may excuse students from re-takes. This is a local school decision for these two subjects only.



There is a County appeal process if a student has all A's and B's for the year in reading, math, and language arts.



# What if a CRCT subtest is not passed the second time?

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Must pass reading and math. If student doesn't pass in summer school, an SST will be held. The Committee will make the promotion decision.



# ESOL and Students with an IEP

- Students who receive direct ESOL services are not required to pass the CRCT for promotion.
- If a student received support and has an IEP, the IEP is the determining factor as to whether or not a student will be promoted.



# What Do I Need to Know as a Parent?

- The CRCT is very important.
- It is a determining factor as to whether or not the school meets Annual Yearly Progress (AYP).





# How Can I Help My Child At Home?

## On-line Resources

- Georgia Department of Education  
[www.doe.k12.ga.us](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us)
- Georgia Online Assessment System  
[www.georgiaoas.org](http://www.georgiaoas.org)

Login: Georgia Test ID

Password: Learn12



## On-line Resources cont....

- [www.Educationcity.com](http://www.Educationcity.com)
- Login and password sent last week in students' agendas

- [www.BrainPop.com](http://www.BrainPop.com)

Login: cougarpaw

Password: Learn12



# Additional Resources

- Parent Center

- School supply stores (i.e. The SchoolBox)

Georgia Test Prep (grades 3-8)  
(\$14.99)

Spectrum Test Prep (grades 1-8)  
(\$9.95)

# Tips for Successful Test Taking

- Keep to your regular routine. Experts say that dramatic shifts from a child's routine can have a negative impact on performance. That's especially true for younger students who take comfort in regular bedtime rituals and meal routines.
- Make sure your child gets a good nights sleep. This is especially important as the test is taken first thing in the morning.
- Make sure your child gets a healthy breakfast.



# Tips for Successful Test Taking

- Dress your child in layers so they are comfortable during the test administration.
- Make sure your child is on time. If a child is late and testing has already begun, they will not be able to take the test that day...they will have to take a make-up test.



# Tips for Successful Test Taking

- Encourage your child to do her best. Encouraging words and a positive attitude about your child's test performance will go a long way toward calming test jitters. If you are anxious about your child's performance, you may send the message that you think she is not capable or is unprepared to do well.



# Tips for Successful Test Taking

- After the test, let your child know that you appreciate that he/she did his/her best. Your encouragement will help your child gain confidence and encourage his/her best work.
- Contact your child's teacher if special circumstances may have affected test performance. A child's or parent's illness or a family crisis may keep a student from doing his/her best work on a test.
- Communicate your concerns to your child's teacher.



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Questions?

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**Thank you for attending!**  
**Please complete and leave an**  
**evaluation.**