

INTRODUCTION

Last school year, you probably completed your very first state standardized test. The key to taking tests is developing good study habits and test taking skills. This book will teach you and your Guide strategies that will help you be an excellent learner. You will learn about rubrics and how they are used to write great answers to essay (open-ended) questions. This year, you will not only continue building skills to be an independent learner, but you will also learn how to be a successful test taker.

3, 2, 1 Blast Off! is a workbook of activities that was created for your fourth grade year. In fourth grade, you will be required to take several state standardized tests that will have you writing more than ever. You will not only have to answer questions, but you will also have to “explain your brain.” That means you will have to write about how you know an answer is correct. Don’t worry if you don’t fully understand what “explain your brain” means. This book will teach you the vocabulary of test taking. You will also review tips for time management, setting goals, and study skills. Learning how to be a great test taker will help you be a successful student now and in the future.

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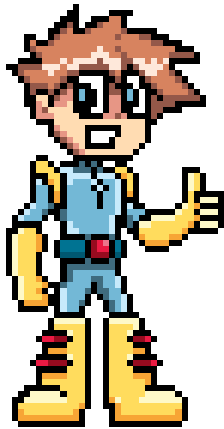
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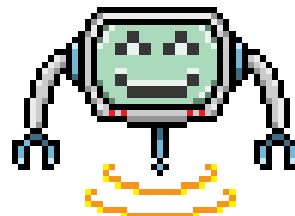
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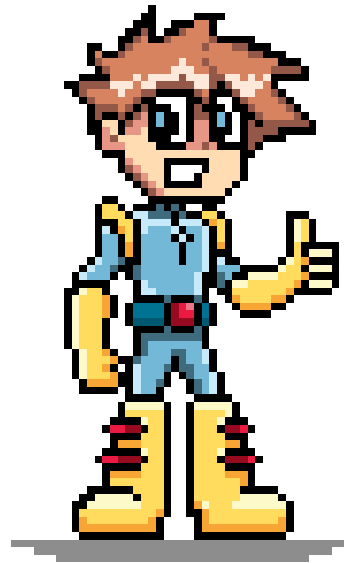
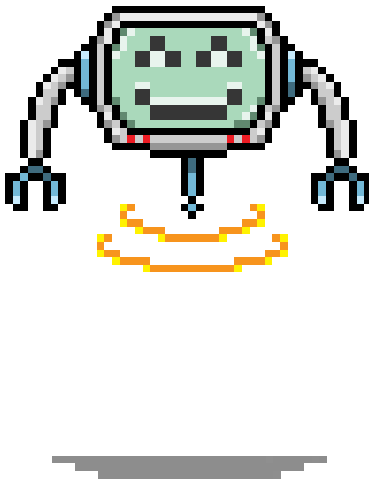


DATA



SECTION ONE
-START-

BEEP
GREETINGS HUMAN!
ARE YOU READY
TO BEGIN?
BEEP



HI! I'M ZACK
AND THIS IS
DATA! WE'RE
HERE TO HELP
YOU ALONG THE
WAY! GOOD LUCK
AND HAVE FUN!

LESSON 1

WELCOME TO FOURTH
GRADE!

1-20

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Welcome back to a new school year! It is time to jump right into schoolwork and homework. Last year you completed a very important milestone—you took your first standardized test in reading and math. You should have received your results in the mail or in your final report card.

It is important to review your accomplishments and set new goals for this year's standardized assessments. In fourth grade, you will once again complete standardized tests for math and reading, and you will also complete one for science. As you can see, you have a lot of school responsibilities and studying to work into your daily schedule. The most important thing to remember is to make time for everything you have to do in a day, week, and month. Planning a schedule should include everything from tests you will take and projects you need to complete to after-school clubs, sports, and bedtime. A regular routine is a very important part of being a good learner. Are you ready? Let's get started with some basic activities that you will need to plan for.

Complete these questions:

1. What day of the week will you have a regular spelling test?

2. What time do you go to bed every night?

3. What day of the week do you participate in an extracurricular activity (sports, clubs, tutoring, and so on)?

4. What time have you set aside to complete all school work regularly? (For example: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Monday – Thursday)

BEEP
EACH DAILY LESSON
IS AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOU AND YOUR
GUIDE TO READ
TOGETHER AND SHARE
YOUR THINKING.
BEEP

