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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Happy “almost” spring PCES family! Our 2019 Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) testing window is right around the corner and our testing schedule is as follows:

	ELA Section 1	ELA Section 2	ELA Section 3	Math Section 1	Math Section 2	Science Sections 1 & 2	Social Studies Sections 1 & 2
3rd grade	Tuesday, 4/9	Wed., 4/10	Thursday, 4/11	Friday, 4/12	Monday, 4/15	5th grade only	
5th grade	Tuesday, 4/16	Wed., 4/17	Thursday, 4/18	Monday, 4/22	Tuesday, 4/23	Wed., 4/24	Thursday, 4/25
4th grade	Monday, 4/29	Tuesday, 4/30	Wed., 5/1	Thursday, 5/2	Friday, 5/3	5th grade only	

The Georgia Department of Education has created a few resources for parents that may prove helpful should you have questions. You may access them using these links:  
**GMA FAQ parent brochure-** [http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/Milestones/Parents/Milestones\\_Parent\\_Brochure\\_18-19.pdf](http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/Milestones/Parents/Milestones_Parent_Brochure_18-19.pdf)

**GMA parent resource guides-** <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/EOG-Study-Resource-Guides.aspx>

During your child’s testing window please join us in encouraging best efforts! Some tips and strategies for students are provided below:

- ✓ Make sure to get a good night’s rest prior to testing days.
- ✓ Keep calm and stay positive- take deep breaths, if needed.
- ✓ Read the test directions carefully.
- ✓ If you don’t know the answer, it is better to make your best guess than to leave a question blank.
  - For multiple choice questions, try to eliminate one or more of the answers before making your selection.
- ✓ Please arrive to school on time. Our instructional day begins at 8:00 am. Scheduling any appointments outside your child’s testing window is greatly appreciated!

This year, Pike County Elementary School will be testing all students online unless your child’s IEP or 504 plan dictates otherwise. The information below is provided to assist you and your student in becoming familiar with the features of online testing.

- ✓ <http://www.gaexperience.online.com/> Experience Online Testing Georgia  
This practice site does not require a specific login and is available 24/7. This site is intended to allow students to familiarize themselves with the online platform prior to testing, not to measure a student's knowledge of course content.
- ✓ Students have had one training session using Experience Online Testing and will have one more formal training session prior to testing. An informational sheet was sent home after the first session so that students could begin practicing at home.
- ✓ Additionally, teachers are also providing students opportunities to acquaint themselves with the online testing system during the instructional day.

If you have questions about our upcoming spring test administration for Georgia Milestones, please contact me at the school phone number listed above or at [peaboda@pike.k12.ga.us](mailto:peaboda@pike.k12.ga.us)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Peabody". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Allison Peabody