

# Parent Resource Tool

2017 Confidential Student Report

## Reading

Strategies to improve your child's grade 4 reading understanding



### Understanding/Analysis Across Genres

- Work with your child using various online games and resources.
- Expose your child to biographies and other non-fiction texts.
- Ask your local librarian to help your child find books that have similar topics but different genres (e.g. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and a biography of Milton Hershey). Read them together and discuss how they are the same or different.



### Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts

- Your child may begin to read more electronic books, or e-books on a tablet or other device. Read here about how reading an e-book is different than reading a printed book: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/how-read-e-book-your-child>.
- Online dictionary with definitions, pronunciation, and syllabification: <http://www.wordsmyth.net/>.



### Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts

- When talking with your child, have him/her retell you parts of his/her day or an event, focusing on telling it in order from what happened first to last.
- After watching a movie or television show, have your child write and draw the program from beginning to end.



### Writing Composition, Revision and Editing

- The more your child writes, the better your child will become. Have your child write letters or stories to family members and friends.

## Mathematics

Strategies to improve your child's grade 4 math understanding



### Numerical Representations and Relationships

- Use coins and money to discuss decimal and fraction relationships for tenths and hundredths. Talk about how \$0.62 is sixty-two hundredths or sixty-two over one hundred.
- Talk about how \$0.50 is half of a dollar because 50/100 is equivalent to 1/2, and 15 minutes is 1/4 of an hour because 15/60 is equivalent to 1/4.
- Here are some helpful resources:  
Cool Math 4 Kids: [www.coolmath4kids.com](http://www.coolmath4kids.com),  
IXL Math: [www.math4texas.org](http://www.math4texas.org).



### Computations and Algebraic Relationships

- When baking, ask your child to measure ingredients and discuss the fractions that occur in the recipe. For example, if we add 1/3 cup of oil to the cake, how much oil have we added? Is 2/3 closer to 1, 1/2, or 0? How do you know?



### Geometry and Measurement

- Have your child determine times of departure for activities. For example, when your child has a practice or lesson at 4:45 p.m., ask your child to determine what time to leave the house to arrive 5 minutes early if the drive takes about 15 minutes.



### Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy

- Use parent resources for financial learning at <http://yourkidsandmoney.com/>.

## Meeting with Your Child's Teacher

### Things to do before the conference:

- Check your child's grades and relevant test scores.
- Ask your child if there are any questions he/she would like you to ask the teacher.
- Write down any special notes you want to make sure to mention that could impact your child at school (ex. major changes at home, special interests, allergies, etc.).
- Talk to any other parents, guardians, or caregivers about questions they would like to have asked.
- Pre-write your questions so you don't forget any, and make sure to bring a way to take notes!

### Sample questions you can ask your teacher:

- Is my child reading at or above grade level?
- What can I do at home to help my child be a better reader?
- What can I do at home to help my child be better at mathematics?
- How is my child doing at paying attention during class?
- Does my child have good friends in class and at school?
- What is the most important thing that I can be doing with my child every day or every week to help him/her in school?



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# STAAR Results

STATE OF TEXAS ASSESSMENTS OF ACADEMIC READINESS



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## About the STAAR Test

Your child took the STAAR in Spring 2017. This test asks students to answer questions that measure the knowledge and skills they need to be prepared for college or a career. If you have questions about this report, please talk to your child's teacher or principal, or learn more by visiting [www.texasassessment.com](http://www.texasassessment.com).



## What the Results Mean

This report shows how well your child did on the assessment. There are 4 levels of proficiency.



### MASTERS GRADE LEVEL

Mastery of the course knowledge and skills is shown — student is on-track for college and career readiness.



### MEETS GRADE LEVEL

Strong knowledge of course content — student is prepared to progress to the next grade.



### APPROACHES GRADE LEVEL

Some knowledge of course content, but may be missing critical elements — student needs additional support in the coming year.



### DID NOT MEET GRADE LEVEL

No basic understanding of course expectations is shown — student may need significant support in the coming year.

## From The Commissioner

Tests are a part of life. Our kids will take tests to get a driver's license, to get into college, and even to get certain jobs. As a parent of two myself, I know that no one test can tell me everything about my children. But the STAAR tests have been designed to provide useful information about how much our children have learned academically and how well prepared they are for what comes next.

Students who meet or exceed grade level by high school graduation have more than a 60% chance of passing their college classes, substantially increasing their lifetime earnings and prospects for success. This report is intended to give you information on how well your child learned this year's academic material in school and how you can help them learn even more.



Mike Morath, Commissioner of Education

Jane P. Doe

Enrolled Grade: 4

Date of Birth: 01/01/07 Student ID: \*\*\*\*\*1082 Local Student ID: 12395 District: 257999 ZY CRUSE ISD

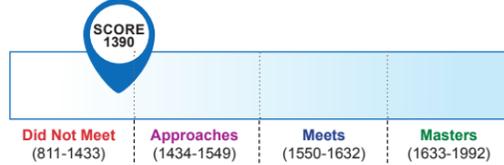
**Your Child's Proficiency At A Glance**

**Reading**  
  
**Did Not Meet**  
 Grade Level  
 Test Date: Spring 2017

**Mathematics**  
  
**Approaches**  
 Grade Level  
 Test Date: Spring 2017

**Writing**  
  
**Meets**  
 Grade Level

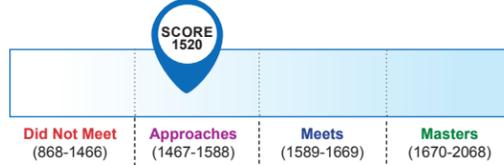
**Reading** Test Date: Spring 2017



CATEGORY	ANSWERED CORRECTLY
1. Understanding/Analysis Across Genres	5 of 8
2. Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts	5 of 15
3. Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts	5 of 13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15 of 36</b>

**15th PERCENTILE**  
 Your child scored the same or better than 15% of all Grade 4 students in Texas.

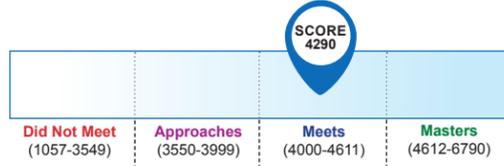
**Mathematics** Test Date: Spring 2017



CATEGORY	ANSWERED CORRECTLY
1. Numerical Representations and Relationships	5 of 9
2. Computations and Algebraic Relationships	9 of 11
3. Geometry and Measurement	8 of 10
4. Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy	3 of 4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25 of 34</b>

**50th PERCENTILE**  
 Your child scored the same or better than 50% of all Grade 4 students in Texas.

**Writing**



CATEGORY	Summed Score
<b>Written Composition</b>	<b>6 of 8</b>
1. Composition	
Multiple-Choice	Answered Correctly
2. Revision	7 of 8
3. Editing	10 of 16
<b>Multiple-Choice Total</b>	<b>17 of 24</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23 of 32</b>

**75th PERCENTILE**  
 Your child scored the same or better than 75% of all Grade 4 students in Texas.

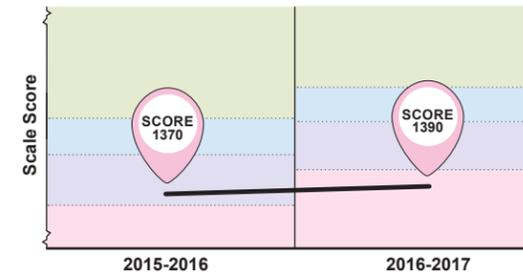
Jane P. Doe

Campus: 041YIPPEE J H Class Group: SEC SEVEN Report Date: JUNE 2017 Date of Testing: SPRING 2017

**Reading**

**Limited Growth**

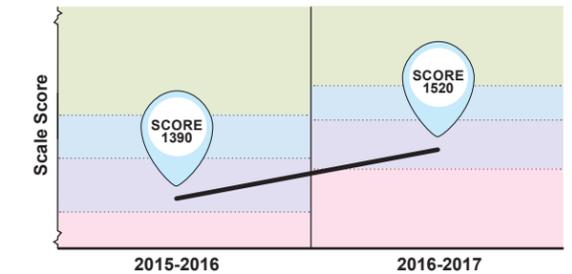
Your Child Showed Limited Growth For 1 Year of Instruction



**Mathematics**

**Expected Growth**

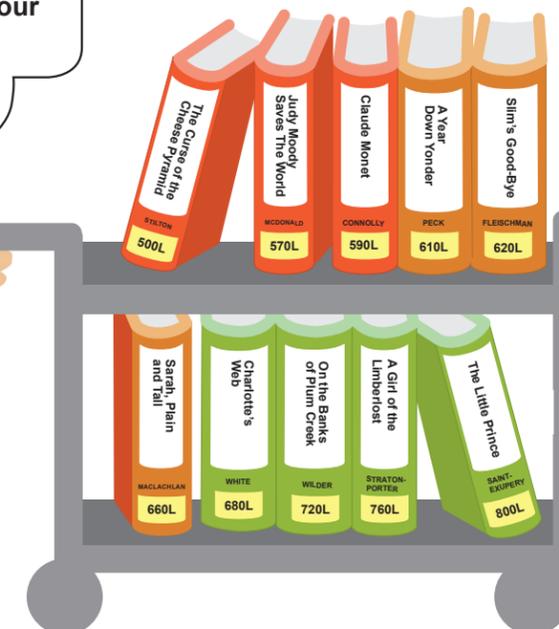
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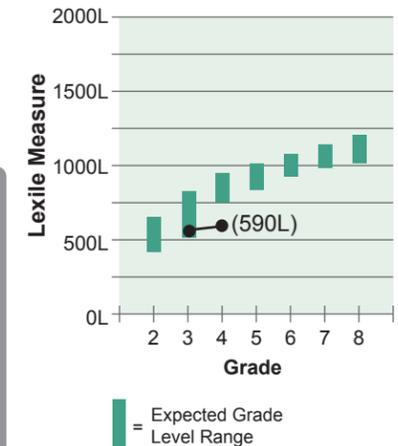
**Your Child's Reading Measure History (Lexile® Measure)**

The Lexile measure indicates the difficulty of the materials that your child can read successfully.

Here are some books recommended for your child's grade.



**Your Child's Lexile History**  
 Current Lexile Measure: **590L**



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 Visit [www.texasassessment.com](http://www.texasassessment.com) for helpful tips and tools, including a recommended summer reading list.  
 Unique Access Code: XXXXXX

**Learn More About Your Child's Lexile® Level**  
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