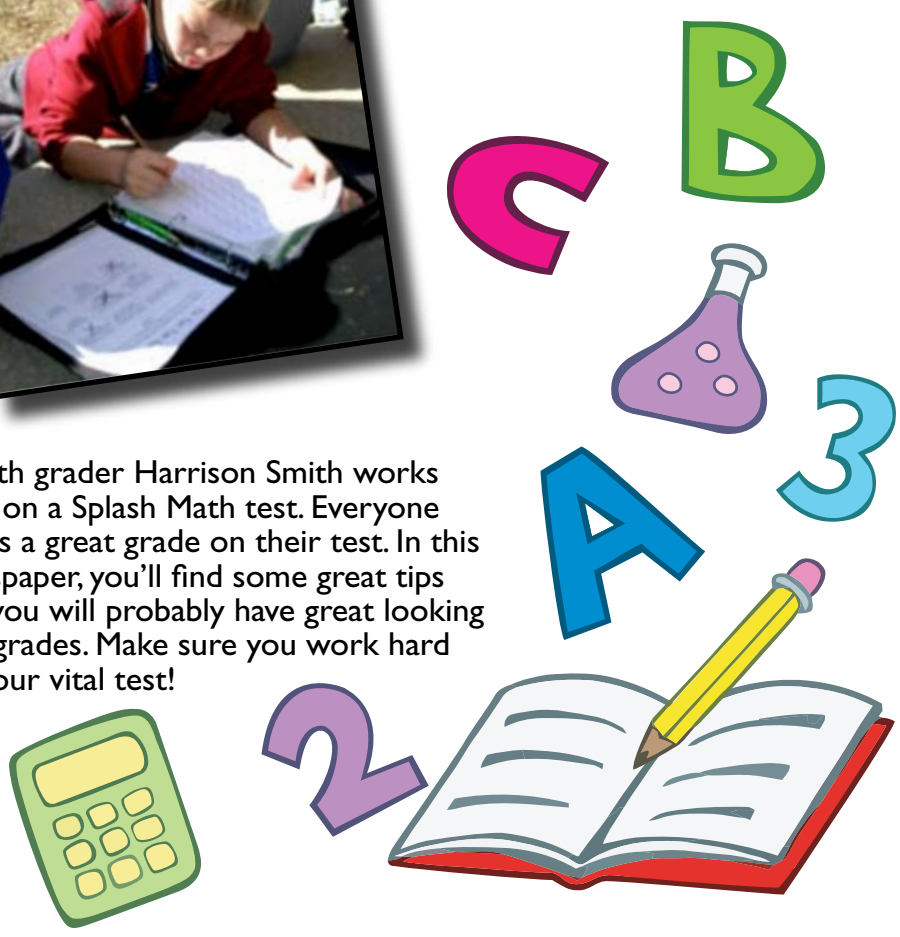
The Dolphin's Scoop

The Dolphin's Scoop would like to welcome Marlee Greer and Patrick Womack to our newspaper staff!

TEST TAKING 101

— By Mary Hannah Williams and Melisse Martineau

Fourth grader Harrison Smith works hard on a Splash Math test. Everyone wants a great grade on their test. In this newspaper, you'll find some great tips and you will probably have great looking test grades. Make sure you work hard on your vital test!



When kids hear the words "test" they usually feel worried, especially with FCAT and SAT 10 right around the corner. Kids are feeling more nervous than ever. But with just a few steps all the kids can ease their worries and will be on a road for success.

Step 1:
Eat a good nutritious breakfast. Don't eat donuts or anything else packed with sugar before a big test.

Step 2:
Don't CRAM! Make sure to start studying a few days before the big test. This allows you to thoroughly understand the problems.

Step 3:
Take your time. There is no need to rush through any test. Always remember that it is not a competition to see who finishes first. You will have plenty of time if you focus and use your time wisely.

Step 4:
It's ok if you don't know all of the answers. If you come across a question you don't know, don't panic. Skip it and come back.

Step 5:
Check over your answers. Take advantage of extra time and check over wisely. Reread the stories and find your answer in the passage and underline the important details. If it's a math test, re-solve the problems.

So when FCAT and SAT10 arrive you will be prepared to do your best just by following these simple steps.

The First Lego League

— By Kennedy Rogers and Mary Hannah Williams

The F.L.L. is the First LEGO League. This is for grades 4th through 8th and is something the members can continue being a part of through college. The Destin Elementary School LEGOLIERS received outstanding performance in all four of the categories at the regional competition: Robot Design and Performance, Project Presentation, Teamwork, and Professionalism.

As a result the LEGOLIERS went to state on February 27th, in Melbourne, Florida. This was the school's first year and they have mostly competed against middle school students. At state they competed against 47 other teams around the state. In the state competition, the LEGOLIERS won a Judge's award, and were one of only three teams to be awarded this honor. Only about half the teams received awards, and the LEGOLIERS received one of four coins awarded to teams based on Gracious Professionalism.

Coach Thurman says, "He wants the kids to have fun, observe and watch to learn different things. They have one robot named Botsum, also known as Peanut Butter. The robot has been programmed to do twelve different missions". Coach Mathews says, "The LEGOLIERS are a team that is building robots. They have programmed them to do different challenges on the game field. They will be presenting a project about the bionic eye. "It's been a lot of work but I would do it again any time," Team Captain Drew says. "We build legos and program computers to do different challenges. One of the projects I have enjoyed is putting a cast on a bone". Member Kiran says she "loves LEGOLIERS and would do it again". Our school and The Dolphin's Scoop are so proud of team LEGOLIERS!

Photo by Patrick Womack

Heart Heroes

— By Mary Hannah Williams and Melisse Martineau

Photo by Preslee Tringas

Fourth graders at Destin Elementary jump rope for the fund raiser, Jump Rope for Heart, a fundraiser to help kids with heart problems.

Heart problems relating to kids and adults have been a very serious problem throughout the USA and have caused a tremendous loss of life. That's why Coach Watson, Coach Jacobson and Coach Brown are glad to be participating in this event with their P.E classes. Jump Rope for Heart allows kids to get involved and help others with these conditions.

Destin Elementary is extremely proud of our heart ambassadors, Kaitlyn Autrey, Clay Young, and Jadyn Gillard. These three people are survivors of heart problems and had surgery at a very young age. If Kaitlyn, Jadyn or Clay could talk to their surgeons they would all say "Thank you for saving my life".

We highly encourage kids to get involved in this program and help others with heart problems. Destin Elementary School raised $1552.10 for the American Heart Association. Katie Gilbert in Mrs. Tucker's class was our top donation contributor with $145.10.

In brief

Spring Break Safety Tips

•Wear a helmet when riding a bike
•Don't swim without an adult around
•Don't ride bikes in the road
•If your soccer ball goes in the road, wait for cars to pass
•Wear knees pads when riding rollerblades or a skateboard
•If it starts raining go inside

— Carson Miller

Environmental Tip

When going to the beach this spring break, everyone needs to make sure that we keep our beaches clean. This includes locals and tourists. Make sure you are picking up your own garbage, as well as doing your part to clean up any messes others leave behind.

— Kennedy Rogers

Healthy Breakfast Idea

Ingredients and Materials Needed:
Strawberries, Bananas, Blender, Ice, Parent, Knife, Cutting Board, Milk

Recipe:
First, make sure you have a parent with you to help. Then, take four strawberries and one banana. Cut the banana into three or more slices.

Get the blender and put the strawberries and bananas into it. Add some ice and puree one cup of milk into the blender. Turn the blender on until everything is blended together.

When you are done following the simple directions, you'll have yourself a yummy smoothie!

— Marlee Greer

SPORTS SHORTS

Super Bowl Wrap-Up

•I know some people don't like watching the Super Bowl, but I like watching the half time show and the commercials.

I loved The Black Eyed Peas with Slash and Usher. Slash playing the guitar was beastly; so was Usher dancing.

The baby commercials were pretty funny. Eminem is awesome so I loved his commercials. Not to get off topic or anything but major league baseball is starting soon … YAY!!!

— By Blaine Zielinski

Green Bay Packers

The Green Bay Packers have won Super Bowl XLV. The Packers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 25-31. Packers player Aaron Rodgers won the MVP for the night. He passed for 3,992 yards for the entire season. He rushed for 356 yards.

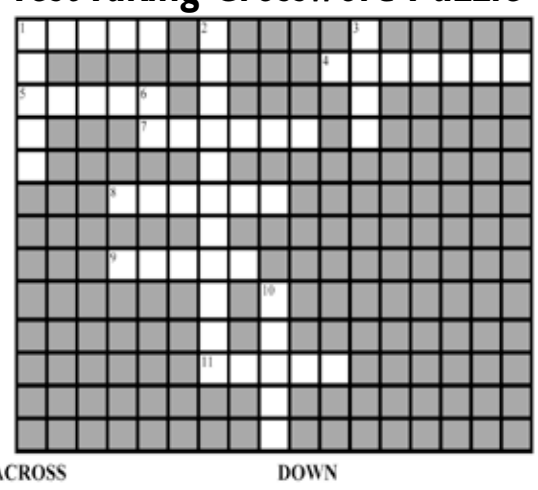
•Albert Pujols possible Washington National? If Albert Pujols becomes a Free agent, the Washington Nationals would be a sensible fit for him. Albert Pujols the, Cardinal's first baseman, has not made up his mind yet, but sources say that the Nationals might be a clear choice for him.

•Tragedy at Toomers Corner! Almorn Updyke Jr., 62 is charged for first-degree criminal mischief. He was arrested for poisoning the oak trees at Toomers corner. He did it after Auburn beat Alabama in the Iron Bowl. Has this rivalry gone too far? Auburn fans are deeply saddened by the event. His bond was set at 50,000 dollars. If convicted he could face up to ten years in prison.

The University of Alabama and Crimson Tide have started a Facebook page to raise money to help save or replace the trees

— By Graham Gamel

Test Taking Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A big test 1st and 2nd graders take.
4. Those instructions were very _____.
5. I will _____ about the answer.
7. You write with it.
8. I will _____ to the instructions.
9. To take something in.
11. Not sad.

DOWN

1. A big test 1st and 2nd graders take.
2. Do not go fast.
3. A quiz.
10. You write on it.

— By Carson Miller

Dear Splash,

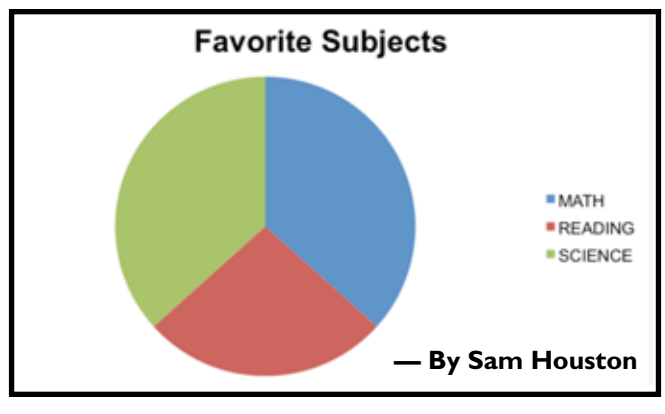
How do I prepare for FCAT?

Answer: The FCAT is a very important test, so you should be fully prepared. Some easy ways to prepare are to sleep well, eat a healthy breakfast, and study well.

On FCAT night, don't stay up until 10! Have a healthy bedtime, like 7 or 8. This is important because you don't want to be tired on test day!

Do you have a journal? If you do, look at all of the important facts. A little bit of studying might help you a lot!

— By Natalie Harris



— By Sam Houston

Five students were polled from each grade level and asked what their favorite subjects were Math, Science or Reading.

— By Sam Houston and Kennedy Rogers