

# For the week ending April 17th, 2015

## Ms. Lambes' News

### GA Milestones English LA:

about 60 questions - 70 min.  
each session (2 parts)

\* **Reading & Voc. 53%**

\* **Writing & Language 47%**

Comprehension, Information & Media Literacy, Vocabulary & reading skills, spelling, grammar, writing, & figurative language.

### Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Day 1

The students will complete many selected responses along with using the RACE strategy to complete the constructed responses (2 pts.), extended responses (4pts.) (narrative) on the GA Milestones as well as the essay (informational or opinion) on **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Day 2 (90 min.)**. The students will read an article or two, complete a few selected responses, answer a short constructed response, & a 7 point essay that is informational or an opinion to what they just read.

### SCHEDULE CHANGE

4/20-4/29:

**LUNCH 12:20-12:50 #5**

**SPECIALS 1:00-1:45**

### Upcoming Events

Return Friday folders on Monday. Please sign and return the passport (conduct/effort) report in the Friday folder.

**5/21 will be our snow make up day. It's a full day not half day. It will be the annual school picnic. Please mark your calendars.**

**DDAs, the county end of year assessments will be given in May along with SPGs.**

Students check your grades weekly.

Mrs. Abraham is looking for field day help on 5/1 & on 5/4. Please email her if you are available to help on one or both of these dates. Thank you!

I am so proud of all the students. They have worked very hard this year. I have many fun dates planned in May. I need them to work hard for four more weeks. Thank you for your support!

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### Math

**Testing Day 3: Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**73 Questions – 80 minutes each part (2 parts)**

**Numbers & Operations – Fractions 30%**

**Operations & Algebraic Thinking 20%**

**Measurement & Data 20%**

**Numbers & Operations in Base 10 –20%**

**Geometry 10%**

The students will have selected responses, constructed responses (2pts), & extended responses (4pts). It's important that your child shows their work & explains their thinking. We are thinking that this assessment will be very similar to the county math assessment. See the practice GA Milestones we took on Thursday, April 16.

The students in my math class will be taking the **Measurement TEST after the GA Milestones**. We will do some hands-on activities after testing. This is a very hard unit as its converting units of measurement in metric & customary. **The next assessment will be in May.**

**RACE is a strategy, I learned from the DuCula Middle School. I've used this strategy in class for 3-4 years now. It works in math & in writing. We will work on writing in 3<sup>rd</sup> person instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> person.**

**R- Restate the question**

**A- Answer the question**

**C- Cite with evidence using quotation marks or paraphrasing in their own words.**

**E- Explain with examples**

**GA Milestones will begin on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child is at school on time (8:15 AM) for all 8 days (April 20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>). They will have to make it up if they are tardy or miss school. This state assessment is longer & more challenging than the CRCT. Please make sure your child eats a healthy dinner & breakfast (brain foods) and gets plenty of rest nightly. Research has proven that elementary students needs 10-12 hrs. of rest nightly. It will be difficult getting them back in routine with only 5 days after spring break. I'm proud of their hard work! They will do GREAT!**

The state of GA DOE website with information about the assessment & the answer key to the practices we completed in class this week.

[http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/GM%20Grade%204%20EOG%20Assessment%20A great book to read at home to help with westward expansion is Streams to the River. River to the Sea a Novel of Sacajawea by Scott O'Dell 0Guide%20202.pdf](http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/GM%20Grade%204%20EOG%20Assessment%20A%20great%20book%20to%20read%20at%20home%20to%20help%20with%20westward%20expansion%20is%20Streams%20to%20the%20River.%20River%20to%20the%20Sea%20a%20Novel%20by%20Scott%20O'Dell%200Guide%20202.pdf)

### Social Studies

**Testing Day 5 on April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**75 questions – 70 mins (2)**

The social studies assessment will be 75 selected responses similar to the CRCT.

Remember they will be given higher level thinking multiple choice questions (DOK levels 2 & 3).

**Government & Civics 20%**

**Economics 15% (\$)**

**Opportunity cost, price incentives, specialization, voluntary exchange**

**Geography 15%**

**Landforms, finding**

**Boston, NY City, &**

**Philadelphia on a map,**

**& the locations of the 13 colonies**

**History 50%**

**EVERYTHING THAT'S NOT ALREADY COVERED**

### Science

**Testing Day 4 on April 27**  
**75 questions – 70 mins (2)**

The science assessment will be 75 selected responses similar to the CRCT.

Remember they will be given higher level thinking multiple choice questions (DOK levels 2 & 3).

**Earth Science 40% -**

**matter, water cycle, weather, & solar system (planets, stars, seasons, moon, etc.)**

**Life Science 30% -**

**ecosystems, food chains, food webs, & adaptations & extinction**

**Physical Science 30% light, sound, & force & motion – simple machines**