



## TIDBITS From Your Partner in Education

### A Parent's Guide for the CRCT

#### 8 Test Taking Tips

The CRCT is an annual test meant to assess a child's yearly growth. For some, this can be a gut wrenching experience met with fear and anxiety. It doesn't have to be this way! You can help your child by teaching them a few testing tips that will help lessen the anxiety and help them get through each test with success.

**Tip 1:** Communicate with your child's teacher to see if there are specific items for your child to review at home prior to the test (i.e. nouns, verbs, basic math facts for multiplication, etc.) or if there are specific test instructions you need to emphasize.

**Tip 2:** Always stay on top of your child's homework. Review what they are doing in class and are up to date on assignments. This ongoing attention to mastering the material they cover in class is the best way to do "test prep".

**Tip 3:** Encourage your child to read all directions on the test. Many a question has been missed because the student did not read the directions carefully. For example, the test may ask to find the incorrect answer, rather than the correct one!

**Tip 4:** When your child doesn't understand a question, encourage them to look at the choices under the question. This can give a clue as to what they should do. This is the same for directions. If the student doesn't understand what they are being asked to do, read the questions below and some of the answer choices. This should guide them to what is being asked.

**Tip 5:** During the test, when choosing an answer, your child should read all the choices before making a decision. Answer "a" may sound good, but if they read a little further, they would see that answer "c" was the correct answer. A technique to combat this is to start from the bottom answer (letter d) and go to the top (letter a).

**Tip 6:** Your child should always use all the time given. Encourage her / him to go back over the questions they may have had trouble with and check their work. Encourage them to use scratch paper, rather than solving the problems in their head. Many careless errors are made by rushing through the test and not checking their work.



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**Tip 7:** Don't miss a day of testing. Your child will be more focused when they know their whole class (and the whole school) is doing the same thing at the same time.

**Tip 8:** Finally, have your child get a good night's sleep before the test. Make sure they eat a nutritious breakfast to start the testing day. Also, make sure your child stays hydrated. Ask if they are able to bring a bottle of water to sip while testing or between tasks.

For detailed information on CRCT test preparation, by grade, the following web site provides great information! [www.gadoe.org/ci\\_testing.aspx?PageReq=CI\\_TESTING\\_CRCT](http://www.gadoe.org/ci_testing.aspx?PageReq=CI_TESTING_CRCT).

If you have further questions on test preparation, feel free to contact Crabapple Tutoring at 678-240-0936 or visit our website at [www.crabappletutoring.com](http://www.crabappletutoring.com) for more information.