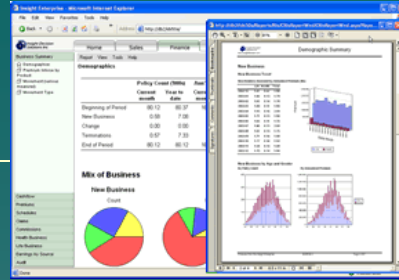


# STAR Program 2010

## California Standards Test



CANYON RIM  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## General

Overview of the STAR program

## Reports

Understanding your child's STAR report



## Teachers

What teachers are doing to improve scores



## Parents

What parents can do to improve scores

## Why?

To help measure how well students are learning the knowledge and skills identified in the California content standards



## Who?

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students



## What?

Language Arts:

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Math:

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Writing:

NOT THIS YEAR

Science:

5<sup>th</sup>



## When?

May 3-14, 2010

May 17-20, 2010 (make-ups)

# What Types of Questions Are on the Tests?



- ◆ Multiple choice questions
- ◆ Aligned to the California content standards
- ◆ California Standards Test (CST) Released Questions

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/resources.asp>



# Examples of Released Test Questions

Second Grade

**10** [WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM?]

$$\begin{array}{r} 419 \\ - 12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

431

421

417

407

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**

**27** What number makes this number sentence true?

$$6 \times 9 < 3 \times \square$$

**A** 18

**B** 19

**C** 16

**D** 17

Third Grade



Fourth Grade

**14**

$$5894 - 2608 =$$

- A 3276
- B 3286
- C 3294
- D 3296

Fifth Grade

**3**

What is 40% of 250?

- A 50
- B 100
- C 150
- D 200

12

What is the product of  $\frac{2}{5}$  and  $\frac{4}{5}$ ?

A  $\frac{1}{5}$

B  $\frac{8}{25}$

C  $\frac{1}{2}$

D  $\frac{6}{5}$



Sixth Grade



# When is the STAR test this year?

- ◆ May 3-14, 2010
- ◆ May 17-20, 2010 (make-ups)





# When Do Parents Receive Their Child's Test Results?

- ◆ Most parents will receive the STAR student reports from mid-August to mid-September.



# What Information Will the STAR Report Include?

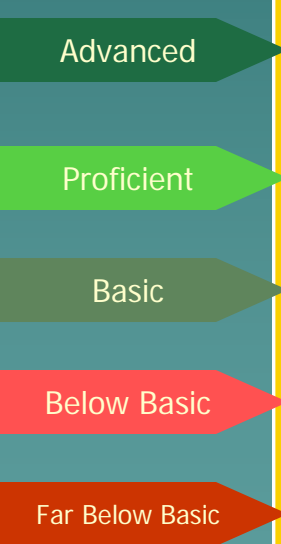


- ◆ Scale scores and performance levels
- ◆ Scores for specific content areas
- ◆ California Reading List

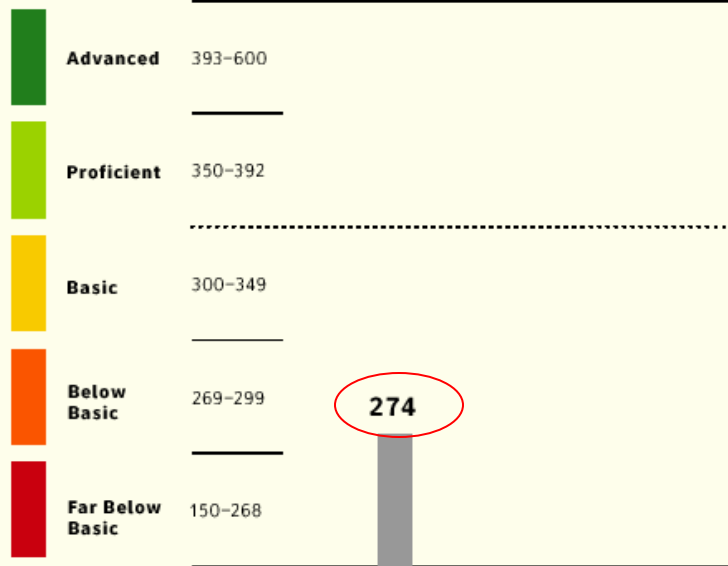
# Student Reports

## Your child's overall results on the California Standards Tests

### Your child's scores and performance levels

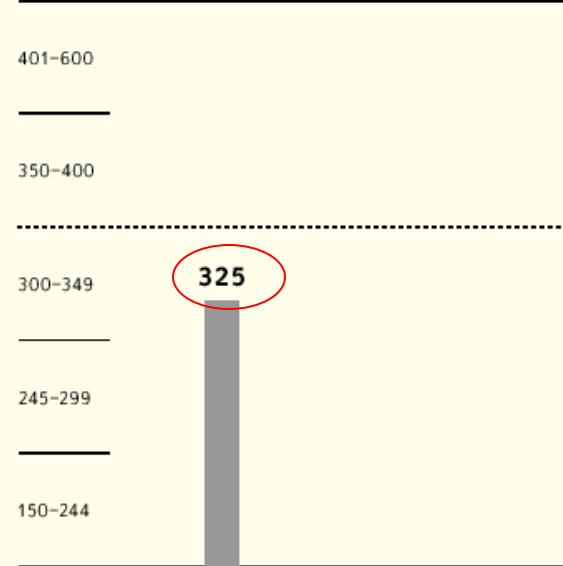


#### English-Language Arts



Your child's scale score is **274** which is at the **Below Basic** level in English-Language Arts.

#### Mathematics



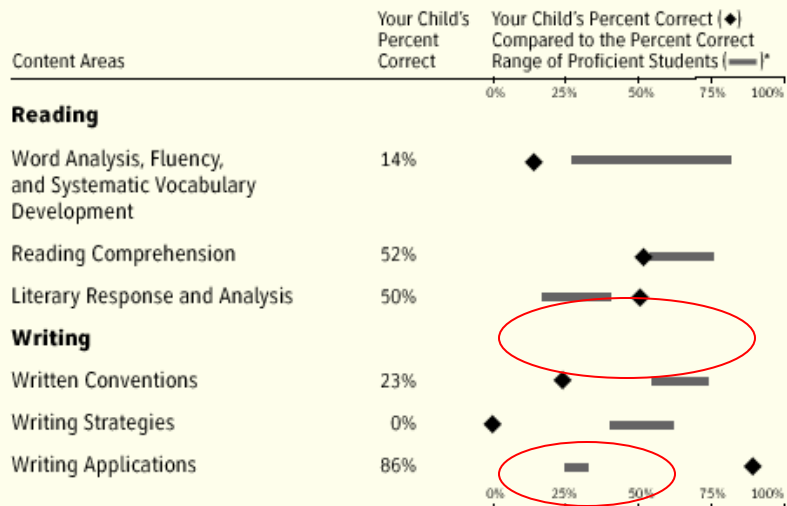
Your child's scale score is **325** which is at the **Basic** level in Mathematics.

State target for all students

# Student Reports

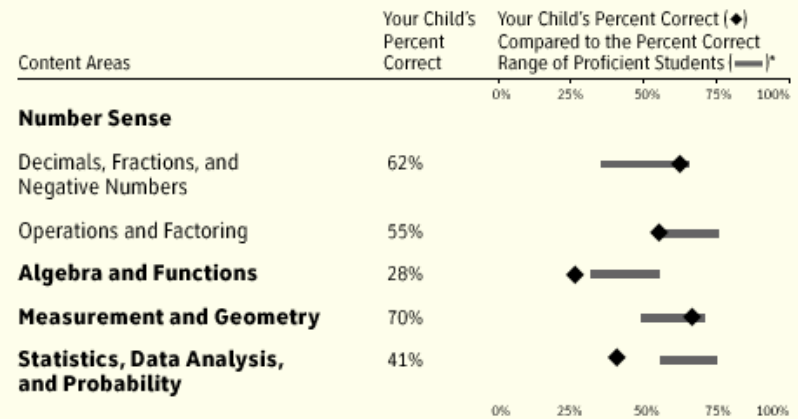
## Your child's strengths and needs based on these tests

### English-Language Arts GRADE 4



\* In the chart above, your child's percent correct is compared to the percent correct of students statewide whose English-Language Arts performance level was Proficient. Proficient is the state target for all students.

### Mathematics GRADE 4



\* In the chart above, your child's percent correct is compared to the percent correct of students statewide whose Mathematics performance level was Proficient. Proficient is the state target for all students.

Range of Proficient *Student*  
Your child's results





Student Reading Level

## California Reading List

Your child's recommended California Reading List Number is **3**.

This recommended reading list number is based on your child's California English-Language Arts Standards Test score. Your child should be able to read titles within the list independently. Of course, no single test will tell you what books your child can or should read—encourage your child to explore other reading list numbers to find books of interest.

To access the California Reading List:

- Visit <http://star.cde.ca.gov> and click on *California Reading List*
- Click *Search for a Reading List* to find books for your child

Strong reading skills are critical for success in all school subjects.  
Encourage your child to read at home.



# How Do the STAR Test Results Help Us?

- ◆ Informs teachers about student progress
- ◆ Informs parents
- ◆ Teachers and parents work together
- ◆ Identifies strengths and needs
- ◆ Accountability: provides the school with an Academic Performance Index (API) score.....



*2009-2010 API GOAL: 875*



# How Do Teachers Prepare Students?

- ◆ Teach all standards/emphasize on tested standards (teach - apply - connect)
- ◆ Analyzing student strengths and needs
- ◆ Setting goals with students
- ◆ Communicating to parents about student achievement



# How Teachers Help Your Child



- ◆ ExCEL, small group instruction, re-teach using ancillary materials from the state adopted program, and interventions.
- ◆ Teachers provide students with strategies (Thinking Maps, Cognitively Guided Instruction, Guided Language Acquisition Design, etc...).
- ◆ Teachers trained and implemented comprehension strategies that support test taking and will help to increase student achievement.
- ◆ Teach – Apply - Connect





# How to Help Your Child Prepare

- ◆ Read with your child.
- ◆ Help your child with her/his homework.
- ◆ Keep in regular contact with your child's teacher.
- ◆ Make sure your child goes to school every day.
- ◆ Be informed about your state's testing procedures.





# Remember



- ◆ Getting your child comfortable with testing procedures and helping him or her know what to expect on the test can improve your child's test scores!
- ◆ Encouraging your child to do her/his best in school, and showing positive attitudes toward completing school assignments well and on time can positively affect learning.
- ◆ Parent and Staff Encouragement
- ◆ Pillars of Program Quality

Thank You!

