

Board Learning Session: FSA With Care

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~One heart, one mind, working together for a common purpose~



FSA With Care

Goals:

- Create learning environments for students to be successful
- Identifying and modelling the conditions to reduce stress, build confidence and encourage risk taking

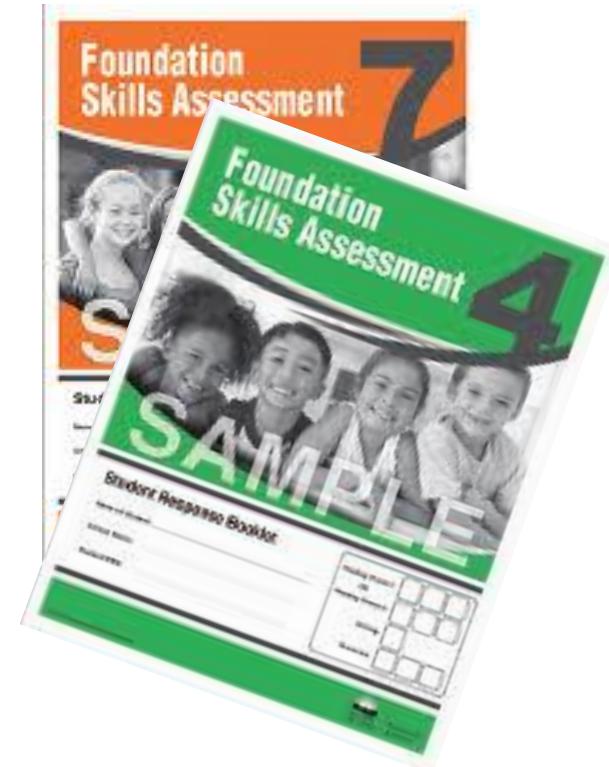




Foundation Skills Assessment

Provincial assessment at Grade 4 & 7 completed in October/November.

- 30 online literacy questions
- 30 online numeracy questions
- Written literacy has 2 themes to choose from with 3 questions each
- Written numeracy has 3 questions with 3 parts



this part of the assessment, you will

- read 2 fictional texts
- read 3 informational texts
- answer 30 questions



A 'vantage point' most likely means



a place to sunbathe.

a place to find food.

a place to keep watch.

a place to dig a burrow.

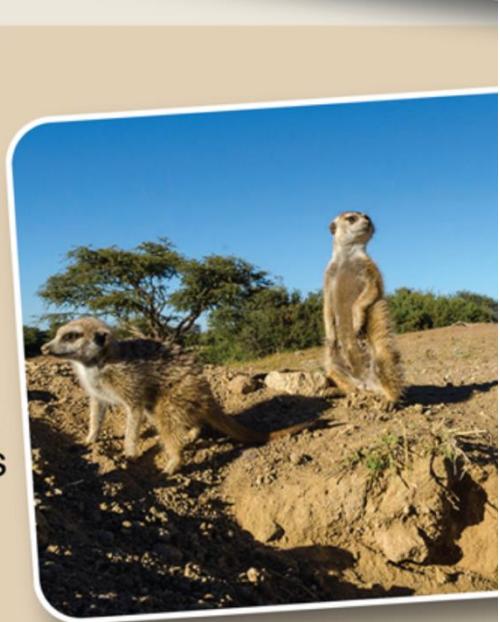
What is a Meerkat?

A meerkat is a squirrel-sized mammal. They are about 30 centimetres in length and have a mass of about 900 grams, with the females being slightly larger than the males. They live and make their homes in burrows in the plains and deserts of southern Africa. A meerkat's long, thin body is great for scooting through a burrow!



Sharing Jobs

As you know, a group gets along best when everyone pitches in and shares the chores. Meerkats are pros at this. For example, they take turns standing guard: keeping an eye out for danger so the others don't have to worry about it. At the first sight of an eagle, hawk, or other predator, the guard barks or whistles loudly. That usually sends everyone racing for cover.



Question 16

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Paula makes a chart to show how many bottles of water she buys each month.

Month	September	October	November	December	...	?
Water Bottles	19	16	13	10	...	1

If this pattern continues, in what month will she buy only 1 bottle of water?

January

February

March

April

Match the three objects with the capacity that each could hold.

40 L

200 mL

4 L

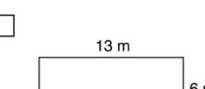
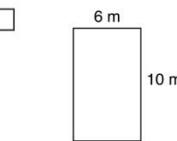
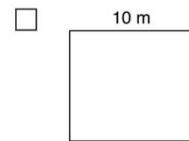
Question 13

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The school garden has a perimeter of 38 metres.



Select all the possible shapes of the garden.





2. Visiting a beach is a great place for families to enjoy time together.

Part A

Your family rents some beach equipment for the day.

- 1 inner tube for the day
- 2 lifejackets for the day

What is the total cost?

- FOR RENT -			
- ITEM -			
	Hourly	Day	Person
Lifejacket	\$2	\$10	1
Surfboard	\$15	\$50	1
Inner Tube	\$10	\$30	2
Paddleboard	\$12	\$40	1 or 2
Sandcastle Set	\$5	\$25	2

Part B

The rental shop at the beach rented out 50 items in total.

The shopkeepers forgot to record how many inner tubes were rented.

Use the tally chart to find how many of those 50 items rented were inner tubes.

			
Paddleboards	Surfboards	Inner Tubes	Sandcastle Sets
		?	II

Create a complete graph that shows all the information in the tally chart.

Remember to include the inner tubes!

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- read 1 fictional text
- read 4 informational texts
- answer 30 questions

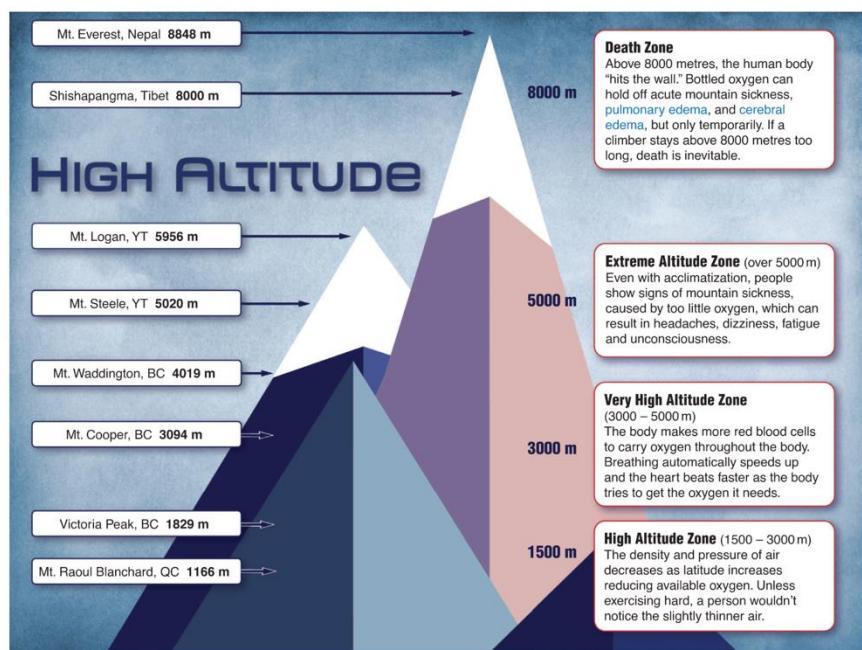


Figure 1

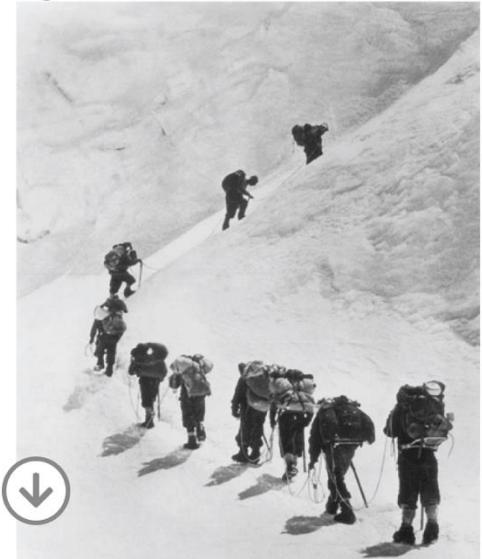
Going Up: Life in the Death Zone



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The New Zealander struggled up the final snowy ridge. His companion soon joined him on the mountain top, gasping for breath. Edmund Hillary offered his hand to Tenzing Norgay, but Norgay gave him a bear hug instead. Hillary and Norgay became the first to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. Since 1953, the mountain has been climbed many times. The death toll is more than 250 for those who didn't make it to the top. Many were killed not by falls or avalanches, but by the effects of low pressure.

Figure 1



The trees in the garden are tied to a stake with a string.
Ben cuts pieces of string that get longer with each cut.



Cut	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Length of string (cm)				95	98	101

Using this pattern, the length of the first piece of string is cm.

Four students volunteered to water the garden.

The student with the correct answer to the question would water the garden.

$$20 + 24 \div (4 \times 2) - 7 =$$

Who watered the garden?

Raymond, who answered 15

Jasjeet, who answered 25

Dominique, who answered 45

Angus, who answered 16



The front wall of the playhouse needs to be painted.



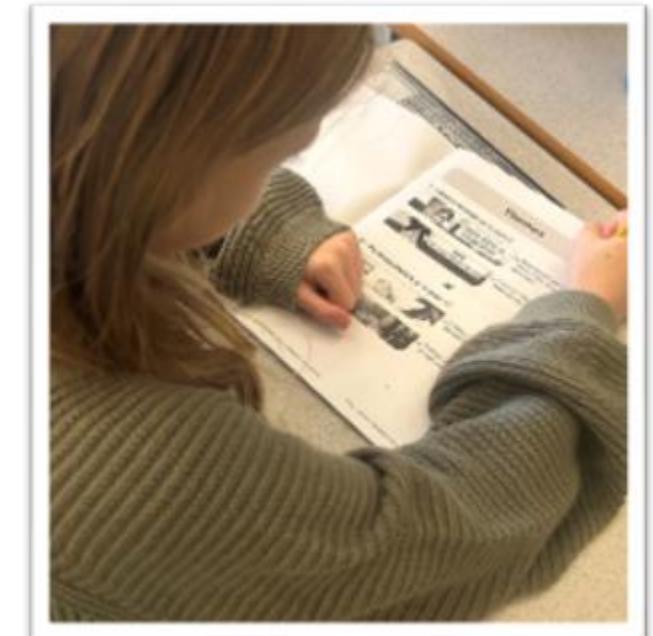
The opening measures 1 m wide by 1.5 m high.

The area of the wall that needs to be painted is m².



Why 'FSA With Care'?

- Student preparedness **reduces anxiety and builds trust** in their ability to reason.
- Teachers can help students **feel capable and prepared** with explicit, intentional instruction with FSA style questions.
- This approach develops executive functioning skills such as self-monitoring, flexibility, and emotional control, which **empower students to persist through challenges and celebrate progress**.
- When executed in a thoughtful way, the FSA results provide us with reliable and informative system performance





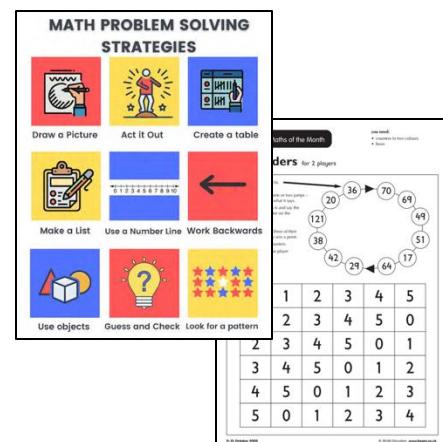
FSA With Care Structure

Supports for Educators

- Recommendations for administering the FSA
- Universal supports that are recommended for all students and ensuring students with CBIEPs have resources they need.
- In-class support
- Pro D Day session, residencies and in-services

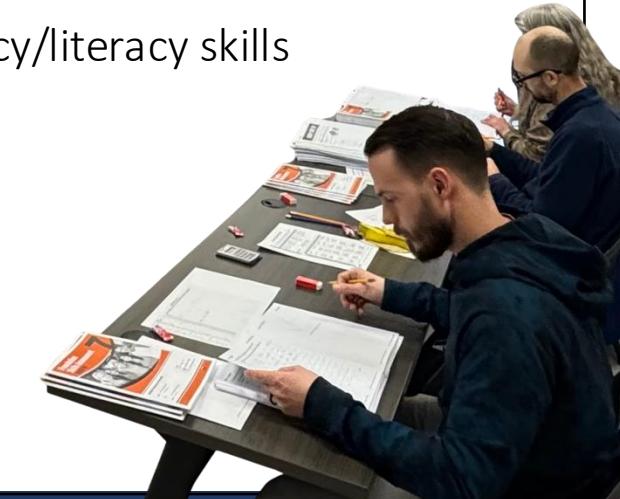
Resources & Recommendations

- FSA administration timeline
- FSA practice questions
- Skills practice/reinforcement



Scoring FSA

- Grade 4 & 7 teachers are released or attend Saturday scoring session
- Review exemplars
- Collaborate on routines to support numeracy/literacy skills





FSA With Care: Impact

- FSA is no longer treated as an event
- Teachers want to see their students feel confident and capable
- Strong participation rates; steady incline of participation rates at grade 7
- Our scoring aligns with BC monitoring sessions
- Understanding of purpose of FSA





Connections to Our Professional Learning

Elementary Initiatives

- Numeracy in-service and demonstrations
- Literacy coaching and support for reading comprehension

Middle School Initiatives

- Helping teacher side-by-side coaching
- Literacy retreat
- Resource sharing





Teacher Testimonial

In my first year of teaching grade 4, Anna shared the review lessons and how to implement the FSA in my classroom. I have continued to use the resources and follow her recommendations for the timeline and supports for students. My students approach the FSA as part of their learning; they don't stress out. The students take it on as a challenge and they love to celebrate their accomplishments.

Grade 4 Teacher – McCammon

