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COUNTDOWN TO PARCC FOR FAMILIES

A new online tool at greatkids.org provides families with valuable information for using PARCC data to support their kids’ learning at home. Information, available in both English and Spanish, on this site includes

- Detailed grade-level materials and milestones.
- Pointers on talking with your child’s teacher to support your child in achieving academic goals.
- Tasks to help your child improve his/her understanding of what they are being taught in their classroom.

You can access this resource at newmexicotestguide.org or by going to greatschools.org and clicking State Test Guide under Trending Topics. From there, follow these steps:

1. Choose your child’s grade level
2. Select ELA or Math
3. Click the 🔗 beside the subclaim you would like to explore
4. For additional information, click WANT TO KNOW MORE?
5. For activities you can do at home with your child to boost these skills, click How to help

Trending Topics: Milestones

Available in English and Spanish, Milestones are 1–2 minute videos to help families understand grade-level Common Core State Standards in kindergarten through high school. Video topics include

- Academic expectations in reading, writing, speaking, and math
- Life skills
- Problem solving

Sign up at http://www.greatschools.org/join/ to receive the GreatSchools newsletter, a short weekly e-mail that includes articles, worksheets, and tips for working with your child.