



Top 10 Reasons for your kids to take the STAR test (a parent's perspective)



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10. Free tickets to the IMAX theatre (South Sutter only) or Marine World (yes, there are even more important reasons than that)!
9. So you can tell your meddling mother-in-law that "Yes, we do regular assessments so we know they're learning," even though YOU knew they were learning the whole time!
8. Test results are as private as you want them to be - the state only uses GROUP results, to ensure that your school is working.
7. Your kids will like it - it's probably easier than what they usually do at home. Remind them that its multiple choice and they can bring something fun (and quiet) to do it they finish early.
6. Free childcare?! I mean, you can stay if you WANT to, but maybe you'll schedule that long-overdue massage instead.
5. You don't have to plan or prepare any lessons for two whole days!
4. It can spark some interesting conversations about how we learn, how we remember things, and what's important to learn.
3. Don't forget - even having them make their own bag lunches for that day can be educational!
2. All the information you could possibly need is conveniently located at <http://www.ieminc.org/Assessment>
1. THE #1 MOST IMPORTANT REASON TO TAKE THE STAR TEST: Your Charter School needs 95% of its students to participate in the test, according to our charter and CDE.