

Georgia Milestones Parent Test Taking Tips

Larry Bell's 12 Powerful Words

What do we mean by powerful words? These are the words that stump students when they take standardized tests like the Georgia Milestones Assessments. Students may feel intimidated or confused by these words causing them to answer a question incorrectly, when they know the answer.

What is Cedar Grove Middle School doing with these words? Teachers, administrators and staff have been promoting these 12 powerful words with our students. The words have been used in the classroom and throughout the school.

What can you do? Check out the words below and use them with your child over spring break and the next couple of weeks on a daily basis to prepare your child for the Georgia Milestones. Ask your child to use the words in their written responses to homework. Have your child make up their own questions utilizing these words. By incorporating these words in your child's daily life you will be helping to boost their academic achievement.

12 Powerful Words

WORD	STUDENT FRIENDLY PHRASE
1. Trace	List in steps
2. Analyze	Break apart
3. Infer	Read between the lines
4. Evaluate	Judge
5. Formulate	Create
6. Describe	Tell all about,
7. Support	Back up with details
8. Explain	Tell how
9. Summarize	Give me the short version
10. Compare	All the ways they are alike
11. Contrast	All the ways they are different
12. Predict	What will happen next

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