Lead4ward: Rockin' Review 2023

Efficient and Energizing STAAR Test Review

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Don't review everything

- Use lead4ward resources to analyze most highly tested TEKS since 2012 and focus on the ones your students struggle with the most.
- On the topics you choose to review less is more. Just like with everything teaching related: quality over quantity.

1. Review is not new!

 Students should not be introduced to any new testing strategies or content in the 3 weeks before the test. Your work is done, it's your students' turn to show off what they know and celebrate their knowledge

1. Review is not a repeat

 You've used the district resources and you've made your own. It's not time to do the same problems in the same format. Allow students the chance to synthesize their knowledge and apply their skills.

1. Don't bore your students!

Y'all are experts. Review packets for 3 weeks on end just aren't it anymore. Use Instagram,
 Google, Pinterest, TPT, or lead4ward to come up with exciting and engaging ways to review concepts. You know it best - students are most engaged when they are interested.

WHERE TO BEGIN: TAKE A TOUR OF KNOWLEDGE!

Your students have spent the last 7 months or so working hard on a variety of topics. Spend a day refreshing their brains on some of those math terms that they may not have heard recently.

A Tour of Knowledge gives students the opportunity to remember vocabulary words, problem solving strategies, and example problems for specific math topics without the pressure of having to solve problems.

This is the perfect way to begin a few days or weeks worth of review.

Now... what exactly does a Tour of Knowledge look like, and how can you recreate one?

TOUR OF KNOWLEDGE: WHAT IS

- 1. Hang severa posters around the room, blank except for the title of a specific TEKS Cluster.
 - 1. Give small groups of students a Mystery Bag filled with a variety of words, visuals, and examples that represent the different TEKS Clusters for your grade.
- 1. Groups will work together to discuss which TEKS Cluster the example should be posted under and tape it to that poster.
 - 1. Once everyone is done, let students explore the posters for as much time as you want. *Allow them to put question marks if they think something has been misplaced. Allow them to add other examples that you may not have put in the Mystery Bags.*
 - 1. When students are finished, either physically move as a group around the posters, or just bring each poster up to the front of the room to discuss what students think and remember.

Lucky for you, lead4ward has done all the heavy lifting for you. The next slides will show you where to access the TEKS clusters, the academic vocabulary, and even some visuals that you'll need. All that's left for you to do is retype them in a pretty font and print on colored papers!



Go to lead4ward.com and click on "Resources" in the upper right hand corner.







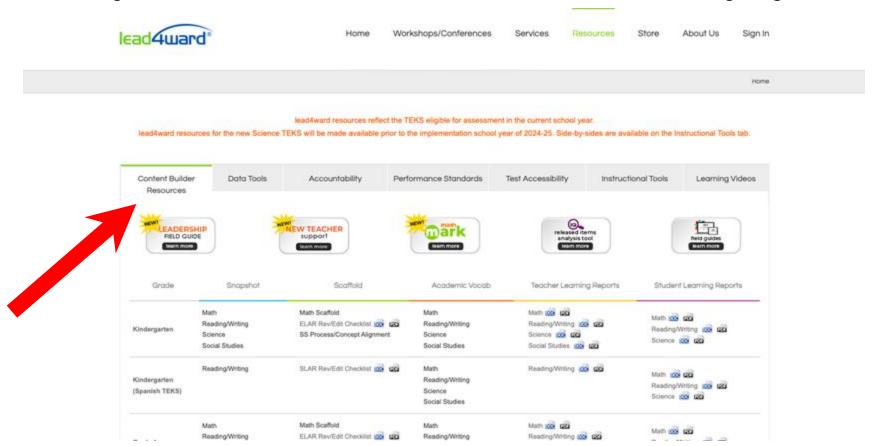






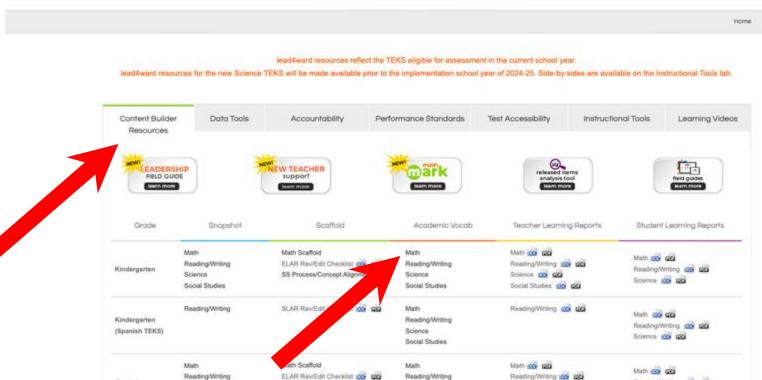
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Make sure you are on the "Content Builder Resources" tab, and scroll down to your grade level.

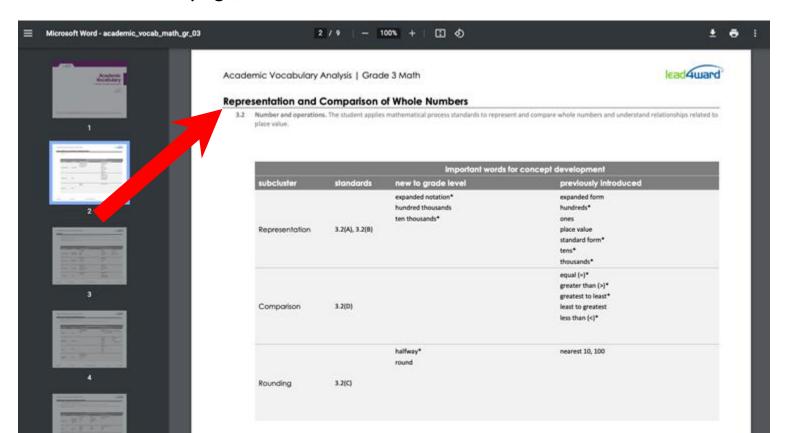


Under the orange "Academic Vocabulary" subsection, click on "Math"





A PDF will open in a new tab. Your TEKS Clusters (the poster titles) are bolded at the top of each page, as shown below. You will have around 9.



WHERE TO FIND VOCABULARY TERMS FOR MYSTERY BAGS

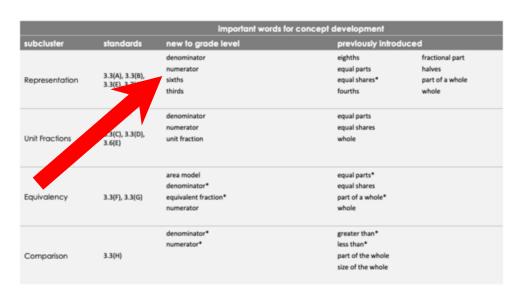
In the PDF, important *new to grade level* terms will be listed under each TEKS cluster. You can type several on one page, just be sure to cut them out and mix them up before putting them in bags so a group doesn't get information from only one cluster!

Academic Vocabulary Analysis | Grade 3 Math



Fractions

- 3.3 Number and operations. The student applies mathematical process standards to represent and explain fractional units.
- 3.6 Geometry and measurement. The student applies mathematical process standards to analyze attributes of two-dimensional geometric figures to develop generalizations about their properties.
- 3.7 Geometry and measurement. The student applies mathematical process standards to select appropriate units, strategies, and tools to solve problems involving customary and metric measurement.



Don't feel like you need to type up every single term - focus on the ones you know your students struggled with most this year, and do just enough to get a comprehensive picture of the Cluster. You know them best!

Hint: As seen in the screenshot, terms noted with an asterisk (*) have been used on the STAAR test in either questions or answer choices in the past.

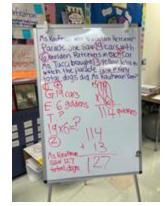
Basically, TEA likes them, so you should, too!

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FINDING/CREATING EXAMPLES

So now you've got your vocabulary terms all ready to go. Now what? You need to include visuals from the cluster. Consider the following:

- Screenshots/Pictures of example problems you have created or printed for students in the past (problems they have SEEN BEFORE)
 - For Example: I'll include this picture of a silly word problem I wrote for my class.
- Pictures from problems they may have completed in a textbook or a ThinkUp book



- Pictures you may have taken of the students completing an activity for a certain skill, or their finished product
 - For Example: My students created fraction books for student-led spring conferences. I might take a picture of a page of a student's book titled "Comparing Fractions with the Same Numerator"
- Lastly... check out <u>THIS PDF</u> provided by lead4ward. Use what you want to, or I can send you a Word Doc so you can edit some of the examples to fit your grade level perfectly.

A TOUR OF KNOWLEDGE: WHAT'S THE POINT?

Take a step back from testing teacher and consider your students' perspective.

They have learned a LOT of new content at a fast pace this year.

Having the opportunity to remember what different math concepts look like and sound like before beginning to actually review will set students up for success if they may have forgotten things throughout the year.

Even if you have a fun and engaging review game or activity planned for your first day of STAAR review, you are not setting your students up for a successful review if they look at the problem and can't remember what some of the words mean or strategies they can use to solve it.

Using a Mystery Bag to create a Tour of Knowledge gives your students the refresher they need to actively participate in review activities.

So... get to it! Chop and cut Mystery Bag items like you've never chopped and cut before! Break out the Mr. Sketch scented markers and let the students go ham on the posters! Review like you've never reviewed before... literally!

You are capable, and your kiddos love you for a reason. Set them up for success. They deserve it.

Let's rock the 2022-2023 STAAR test!

