



*Read to Learn* is the state's effort through Just Read, Florida! to target support activities for struggling 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade readers.

- **Summer Reading Camps**
  - Offered by districts, these camps will offer intensive reading instruction to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who have scored level 1 on the FCAT.
  - These camps will prepare some of these 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to pass the alternative assessment at the end of the summer and be promoted to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - These camps will prepare the remaining 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for the next school year, making sure that no more ground is lost.
- **FCAT Explorer – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade module**
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade module to be launched June, 2003, and is designed to help children strengthen the critical skills that are outlined in the Sunshine State Standards and tested on the FCAT.
  - This dynamic, interactive, online module will have expanded vocabulary activities, specifically aimed at helping struggling 3<sup>rd</sup> grade readers.
- **Community Involvement**
  - Families Building Better Readers – regional workshops for parents to be held in June, to help parents take an active role in helping their struggling 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. These workshops are in partnership with the University of West Florida. Information on times and locations can be obtained by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-FLA-READ.
  - Reader Leaders – when requested, a mentor will be provided for every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student that scores level 1 on the FCAT, through a partnership with the Governor's Mentoring Initiative.
- **Leadership**
  - District training sessions – held in April, these sessions gave detailed technical assistance to districts as they planned intervention activities for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade struggling readers.
  - Superintendents' Summit – to be held in June, this summit will bring district leadership involvement into improving reading skills as a priority.
  - Teacher Training – through the federal Reading First grant, over 7500 teachers will be trained this summer on the latest reading research.
- **Options for 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**
  - FCAT Remediation - Adult Education programs provide FCAT fast track remediation classes.
  - GED Prep – designed to fast track students into accelerated GED prep and obtaining their State of Florida High School Diploma (GED).
  - Community College Acceptance – Students will be accepted into AS, AAS, and AA Degree programs with a High School Diploma or GED (State of Florida High School Diploma).
  - Further Resources – A website (to be launched May 9<sup>th</sup>), a toll-free number, 1-800-315-0833, and community college or school district Adult Education Counselors.