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2011 FCAT Reading and Math Third Grade Results

KEY WEST, FL - Monroe County students are out-performing the statewide average for third grade students in FCAT Reading and Mathematics. The release of third grade reading and mathematics FCAT 2.0 scores highlights a very important transition to more demanding tests. Students took the new FCAT 2.0 assessments for the first time this year. These new assessments are based on Florida's updated, more rigorous, curriculum standards that were adopted by the State Board of Education.

The linking process with the former FCAT test standards resulted in the state-wide results remaining the same as 2010, Monroe County showed mixed results. The number of students demonstrating proficiency in reading increased two percent over last year, while mathematics decreased two percent. The district is still out-performing the State by 6% in reading and by 3% in mathematics.

Six schools showed an increase over last year's results in the number of students showing proficiency in reading. Sugarloaf School attained the highest gain in the district with a 26 percent increase. Other schools showing an increase were Sigsbee Charter, Stanley Switlik, Gerald Adams, Plantation Key, Treasure Village Montessori and Big Pine Academy. The students attending Sugarloaf, Gerald Adams, Plantation Key, and Treasure Village Montessori also showed gains in proficiency levels in mathematics.

Sugarloaf, Stanley Switlik, Plantation Key, Montessori Elementary Charter (Key West), Treasure Village Montessori and Big Pine Academy all earned proficiency levels at or above the district average in both reading and mathematics.

Hats off to Big Pine Academy for having 100% of third grade students demonstrate proficiency in both reading and math.

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