



# FSA WITH CARE PILOT PROJECT



## Unsworth Elementary Grade 4 Students

**Data Driven Decisions:** Review of the 2021/22 FSA scores drove us to create the goal of improving our grade 4 numeracy FSA results for the 2022/23 school year.

**Action:** We provided a pilot group of grade 4 students with intentional support, targeted resources reflective of grade 4 numeracy strands, and time.

Numeracy questions from previous years FSAs were shared with the students over 2 weeks. The same approach was used with the on-line portion of the FSA (practice questions). The students practiced how to log into the FSA site and navigate the log-in portion of the practice assessment, as well as work through 4 questions per day. Curriculum Support Teachers participated, helping to facilitate the FSA with students over one week. A spare classroom was used and the process was explained to the students.

We provided clear explanations to the questions, differentiated support, brain breaks, alternate settings, & snacks to ensure the students were in a favorable atmosphere to do their work. While students were working on the questions, the teachers circulated the room providing support. When students became frustrated or demonstrated anxiety about a particular question, a teacher would move them to a quiet place and together they worked through the difficulty. Through this support, students were always able to continue and felt immensely proud of their resiliency.

**Results:** Based on preliminary FSA scores, the results look positive. The grade 4 students who participated in the pilot project with no time constraints, receiving differentiated instruction, and the opportunity to talk through their anxiety, seem to have achieved stronger results than those grade 4 students who did not participate in the FSA pilot project.

### Student Perspective:

*"This was a fun way to do math. I really liked the help."*

*"I like doing this together."*

*"I love doing math on the computers."*

*"Mrs. Webb is good at explaining math to me."*

✓ **Data Driven Decisions**

✓ **Collective Responsibility**

✓ **Targeted Interventions**