

## FCAT TIPS!

### FCAT WRITING TIPS

- Read the prompt carefully.
- Plan your writing by organizing your ideas.
- Support your ideas by telling more about each event, reason, or argument.
- Use a variety of sentence structures.
- Choose words that help others understand what you mean.
- Review and edit your writing.

### FCAT READING TIPS

- Read the passage carefully.
- Look at the pictures and graphics to help you understand the passage.
- Read each question carefully and be sure to answer what is being asked.
- Go back to the passage for clues to help you answer the question.
- If you are asked to write your answer, be sure to include details from the passage.
- Write so that others can understand what you mean.
- Check your answers.

### FCAT PRODUCTS

- **FCAT Briefing Book:** This booklet provides an overview of the FCAT program. Topics addressed include frequently asked questions, content assessed by FCAT, school accountability, FCAT results, history of the program and financial costs per fiscal year. This booklet can be downloaded from the Department's website at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat.htm>.
- **FCAT 2001 Released Items (Grade 4, 5, 8 & 10):** These documents test items from past years' administrations of FCAT. Answer keys and reference sheets are included. Download at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat/fcatsmpl.htm>.
- **FCAT Test Item and Performance Task Specifications (hard copy & CD):** Download from <http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat.htm>.
- **Frequently asked questions about FCAT:** Brochure can be downloaded at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat/fcatfaqs.htm>.