

## RESOURCES

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## Springing Forward With TAP

Spring is a time when everything comes back to life again and we begin to see the beautiful colors that North Carolina has to offer. Spring also means that EOG testing is around the corner.



With this thought in mind, the TAP team continues to prepare our teachers and students for EOGs and end of year tests.

We recently started a new cycle. A cycle is when we teach a new strategy to our teachers and they take the strategy back to our learners

to use. This is our last cycle for the 2013-2014 school year. Time flies when you are having fun!

The strategy for this cycle is for math word problems. We have one strategy for Pre-K through 1st and another for 2nd grade-5th grade.

The strategy being taught in Pre-K through 1st is PISA and 2nd-5th is CUBES.

### PISA

P=Find the problem (Question)

I=Find the important information

S=Use a strategy

A=Solve and find the answer, then check your answer

### CUBES

C=Circle the key numbers

U=Underline the question

B=Box action words

E=Evaluate

S=Solve and Check

Be sure to ask your learner about how he or she is using the strategy to solve math word problems!

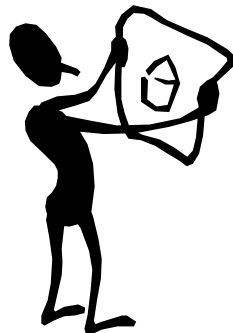
## April Spotlight: Best Practices At Home

The rubric that our teachers follow and get scored on, has an area called Presenting Instructional Practices (PIC). In this part of the rubric there is a part that says:

“Modeling by the teacher to demonstrate his or her performance expectations.”

This is a big area we focus on in our school during instruction.

If we model correctly, student should know and master expectations in the classroom.



When we say “model”, we mean not just showing our kids how to do something but showing and thinking a loud while showing.

How often do you model what you expect of your child in real life situations?

How often do you share your thinking with your child?

What is an area in your child’s life that could improve with some good modeling?