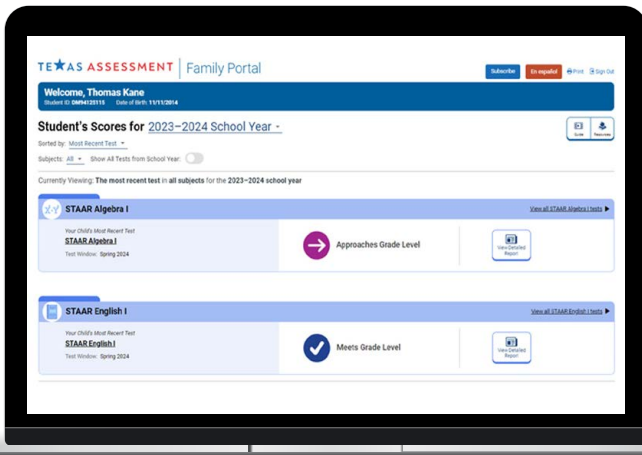


## STAAR Offers Maximum Transparency for Parents

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) are a valuable tool in evaluating how students are performing in Texas classrooms. TEA's Texas Assessment Family Portal provides parents access to their child's test results, and most parents can conveniently log in through their school's local parent portal.



### PARENTS CAN VIEW:

- ✓ Their child's score
- ✓ Each question on the test
- ✓ Each curriculum standard for each question
- ✓ Their child's answer to each question
- ✓ Rationales for correct/incorrect answers
- ✓ Resources to help support learning at home

## Every STAAR Question & Answer is Available for Parents to View

### PARENTS CAN VIEW:

#### Reading Passage

English I

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

*Mr. Roger Mifflin lives in a horse-drawn wagon, or van, that he has named Parnassus. He travels the countryside selling books, but he is ready to settle down now and hopes to sell the van and all of his contents to Andrew McGill. He stops by the McGill property to speak to Andrew, but Helen, Andrew's sister, talks to Mr. Mifflin first.*

**from Parnassus on Wheels**  
by Christopher Morley

1 I must admit that Mr. Mifflin had fixed up his van mighty comfortably inside. The body of the wagon was built out on each side over the wheels, which gave it an unwieldy appearance but made extra room for the bookshelves. This left an inside space about 5 feet wide and nine long. On one side, he had a little oil stove, a flap table, and a cozy-looking bunk above which was built a kind of chest of drawers—to hold clothes and such things, I suppose; on the other side, more bookshelves, a small table and a little wicker easy chair. Every possible inch of space seemed to be made useful in some way, for a shelf or a hook or a hanging cupboard or something. Above the stove was a neat little row of pots and dishes and cooking utensils. The raised skylight made it just possible to stand upright in the center aisle of the van; and a little sliding window opened onto the driver's seat in front. Altogether, it was a very neat affair. The windows in front and back were curtained, and a pot of geraniums stood on a diminutive shelf. I was amused to see a sandy Irish terrier curled up on a bright Mexican blanket in the bunk.

2 "Miss McGill," he said, "I couldn't sell Parnassus for less than four hundred. I've put twice that much into her, one time and another. She's built clean and solid all through, and there's everything a man would need from blankets to bouillon cubes. The whole thing's yours for \$400—including dog, cook stove, and everything—jib, boom, and spanker. There's a tent in a sling underneath, and an icebox (he pulled up a little trap door under the bunk), and a tank of coal oil and what all. She's as good as a yacht; but I'm tired of her.

#### Writing Prompt

✍️ ESSAY: Write your essay in the empty box below.

Read the excerpt from Parnassus on Wheels. Based on the information in the excerpt, write a response to the following: Identify and explain the significance of the revelation Miss McGill has from her dealings with Mr. Mifflin. Write a well-organized essay that uses specific evidence from the excerpt to support your answer.

Remember to –

- clearly state your thesis
- organize your writing
- develop your ideas in detail
- use evidence from the excerpt in your response
- use the correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar

Manage your time carefully so that you can –

- review the excerpt
- plan your response
- write your response
- revise and edit your response

Write your responses in the box provided.

**Writing Prompt Reminders**

#### Child's Actual Typed Response

The revelation Miss McGill has from her dealing with Mr. Mifflin means a lot to her, she finally gets to experience some of the world and not be stuck at the farm all day caring to andrews needs. She most likely needed a break, especially since andrew has experienced this happiness of adventuring already. She stated, "It just came over me that you've had all the adventure while I've been at home baking bread." and "to see some of this happiness and hayseed of yours "This shows just much shes missed out on and how shes been taking care of him so much and now shes going to take care of herself for awhile.