



**Week 15: 2/24 - 2/28**

**This Weeks Feature:**

★ **Effective STAAR Reviewing Strategies** ★

**The few weeks prior to STAAR and EOC testing is a critical time for students and teachers. Even though stress levels are high it is important to remember the best approach for helping your students be successful during their testing. Always ensure you have allotted 3-4 weeks for implementing your best STAAR Reviews**

**Here are 5 Tips to having a successful STAAR Review:**

**1. Emphasize The Readiness Or High Yield Standards**

**These are the highest tested standards. To ensure you are focusing in the correct areas Lead4ward has Frequency Distribution Charts for all tested areas. These charts show which standards are most frequently tested to help guide your focus. These charts can be found under Data Tools at <https://lead4ward.com/resources/>**

**2. Practice Questions With A Twist**

**All teachers with there students to practice STAAR questions. Instead of just handing them worksheets with test questions, create a gallery walk or an activity that allows the student to discuss the question, the answer choices, and the stimulus used in the question. Allowing students to have these discussion will help them develop and use meaningful test taking strategies.**

**3. Mix It Up—Provide a Variety of Strategies And Activities**

**Provide activities and use strategies that are meaningful to your content and to your students. By using activities and strategies students are able to step away from worksheets and to truly engage in the learning. Hands on learning is crucial to making content concrete. When Mixing It Up, learning stations can be very engaging for students.**

## Successful STAAR Review Continued:

### **4. Incorporate Small Groups**

**Small groups are valuable as they allow teachers to work more closely with each student, and allows the opportunity for teachers to personalize instruction for that group. Small groups also allows peer tutoring to happen. Sometimes when a student explains a concept to another student it then clicks for them because they speak the same age language.**

### **5. Use Teamwork And Have Fun**

**Games and teamwork are important during this time. Sometimes educators forget students are feeling the same pressure they are. Teamwork, games, and having fun allows students the opportunity to collaborate with engagement. These conversations between students are critical for some to finally make that concrete connection with the content.**