

October 19, 2012

To the Parent/Guardians of: _____

In June, 2012, Governor John Kasich signed into law the *Third Grade Reading Guarantee* to ensure that Ohio's children become proficient in reading by the end of the third grade. This law requires that schools assess students in Kindergarten through Third Grade by September 30th of each year. The school is then required to send a letter to the parents of those children who are determined to be at risk of not reading at grade level by the end of the year.

We have determined that your child is "at risk of not reading at grade level by the end of the school year". In accordance with the law, we will be developing a reading improvement and monitoring plan tailored to the individual needs of your child.

A reading improvement and monitoring plan will describe the areas in which your child needs additional support. It will include how we plan to assist your child during the school day, as well as how we will monitor your child's progress. Also, we will provide opportunities for you to be involved in instructional services for your child.

Please be advised that we will be using multiple measures to monitor your child's progress. According to Ohio law, if your child does not achieve the appropriate level of reading competency by the end of third grade (beginning in 2013 – 2014 school year), he/she will not advance to the fourth grade.

The goal of this law is to allow parents, teachers, and administrators to work together to ensure the reading achievement of all children. We will be contacting you with further information about our plan to make that happen.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions regarding his or her progress. We look forward to welcoming you on conference night, Tuesday, November 20th.

Sincerely,