



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Being a good reader is critical for a student to be successful in school. In 2016, the Michigan Legislature passed the Read by Grade Three Law to ensure that students are reading at or above grade level when they exit third grade. In accordance with this law, and as a means of better informing classroom instruction, districts across the state will be providing K-3 assessments to their students.

The assessments will help identify students who need additional reading instruction and intervention. It will also provide useful information to help teachers tailor their instruction to better meet the individual needs of each student. Students in grades K-3 will be assessed at the beginning, middle and end of the school year.

The law also requires districts to provide early and regular written communication with parents of students in grades K-3 with reading difficulties. This communication will be in the form of an Individualized Reading Improvement Plan which will include information about current support provided, additional support planned for your child, and strategies for you to help your child at home (Read-At-Home plan).

For the past few years, Chandler Park Academy Elementary has assessed K-3 students three times per year and has provided support for students who are below grade level in reading. All third-grade students will be required to take the state assessment at the end of the year. This year, third-grade students who are one or more years below grade level in reading on the state assessment will require additional procedures to continue to fourth grade. At that time, affected families will receive written notice from the State of Michigan about possible retention and the process for a good cause exemption. Although our schools focus on early literacy throughout the school day, we still need your support as family involvement plays a vital role in a child's academic success.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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