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Dear Third Grade Parent/Guardian:

The IREAD3 assessment is quickly approaching! The testing window for the IREAD3 is March 13 – March 17. This is a 3-part test and all 3 sections must be taken during this testing window. It is imperative for your child to be at school during these dates.

As you may know, in March of 2010 the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act 1367 (also known as Public Law 109 in 2010) requiring the evaluation of reading skills for all third grade students. This legislation was developed to ensure students can read at grade level prior to fourth grade. As many researchers and educators have noted, from Kindergarten through grade three, students are primarily “learning to read.” *But beginning in fourth grade, students must be able to “read to learn.”* Standards and materials only get more complex from fourth grade forward, and students who cannot read proficiently will struggle to keep up with their peers. In response to this legislation, your child will take the Indiana Reading Evaluation And Determination (IREAD-3) Assessment March 13-17.

Based on the Indiana Academic Standards, IREAD-3 specifically tests foundational reading standards through grade three. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) created an item sampler with examples of the types of test questions that may appear on IREAD-3. You can download the IREAD-3 Item Sampler by visiting the IDOE website: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/iread-3>.

You are encouraged to contact your child’s teacher to learn more about his/her reading progress and to gain a better understanding of your child’s reading program, including assessment practices, instructional approaches and expected student performance.

Assessment feedback will be received during the month of April. If your child did not pass IREAD3, your child MUST re-take the test on May 30, 2017. If your child does not pass the test on May 30th, then he/she will be retained in the 3rd grade.

Best wishes to your child!


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