

## **Read by 3rd Grade Law**

The State has put into place the Ready by Grade 3 reading law that requires schools in Michigan to assess our students 3 times per year to determine if they are at the appropriate grade level in reading. It is expected that students are at the 3rd-grade reading level by the end of 3rd-grade.

As we are completing our beginning of the year benchmark assessments, we will be reviewing the data and determining which students are below the benchmark for the beginning of the year for their current grade. For those students who are below the benchmark, we will be completing Individual Reading Improvement Plans (IRIPs) to determine how we will be trying to meet the needs of each student. We will be providing various interventions at school for our in-person learners, and additional material will be provided to remote learners. Our Title I teacher will be supporting those students who need interventions either in their classrooms or in the Title I Reading room. Additionally, parents will be given other activities to do with their children at home to support their learning needs.

All 3rd grade students will be required to take the M-STEP for the first time. The data from that state required assessment will determine if a student might need to be retained due to low reading skills. It is very important that we work together to avoid any of our students having to be retained at the end of 3rd-grade.

The best way to support your student at home is to read with him/her every day. You can have them read to you, you can read to them, you can take turns reading. Any type of reading will greatly benefit your students. If you are in need of books at home please let your student(s) teacher know.

