



North Carolina Read To Achieve

Information for Parents
of Third Graders in
Caldwell County Schools

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House Bill 950/S.L. 2012-142 Section 7A
Senate Bill 795: Excellent Public Schools Act

“The goal of the State is to ensure that every student reads at or above grade level by the end of third grade and continues to progress in reading proficiency so that he or she can read, comprehend, integrate, and apply complex text when needed for secondary education and career success.”

[Excellent Public Schools Act](#)



How will Read to Achieve affect my child who will be in third grade?



- *Your child will be assessed using Reading 3D at the beginning, middle and end of the year.**
- *Your child's teacher will use the information from the assessments to provide the instructional needs of your child.**
- *Your child will take the End of Grade test at the end of third grade.**

What happens if my third grade child does not pass the End of Grade Test?



- Your child will receive reading interventions and will take the test or an alternative test after the first administration.
- If your child passes the second test, he or she will be promoted to grade.
- If your child qualifies for a “good cause exemption,” he or she will be promoted to fourth grade.

What happens if my child does not pass the second test?



- Your child will attend the Summer Reading Camp.
- Summer Reading Camps will be held Tuesday, July 8, 2014 to Friday, August 15, 2014 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.
- Your child will take another test and/or complete a reading portfolio to determine if he or she is on grade level.

What if I do not want my child in the Summer Reading Camp?



- If you choose not to enroll your child in the Summer Reading Camp, your child will be retained in a regular third grade class.

What happens if my child is not on grade level at the end of the Reading Summer Camp?



- Your child will be retained in third grade and placed in a third/fourth grade, reading intensive, transition class or a reading instruction support class. In addition to intensive reading instruction, your child will be taught the fourth grade curriculum.
- Your child will be given another assessment before November 1, 2014.

What happens if my child is promoted to fourth grade in November?



- Your child will have the third grade retention removed.
- Your child will remain in the same class and continue with the fourth grade curriculum.
- Your child will take the fourth grade End of Grade test at the end of the year.

What happens if my child is not promoted in November?



- Your child will keep the third grade retention status.
- Your child will stay in the same class and continue to receive intensive reading support and the fourth grade curriculum.
- Your child will continue to work on the reading portfolio.
- Your child will take the fourth grade End of Grade test at the end of the school year.

What happens to my child at the end of fourth grade?



- The reading portfolio will be used to help determine if your child is on grade level in reading.
- Promotion will be decided by the principal.

Good Cause Exemptions



- Limited English Proficient students with fewer than two years of instruction in ESL.
- Students with disabilities with IEPs that specify alternative assessments.
- Students who demonstrate reading proficiency on an alternative assessment.
- Students who demonstrate reading proficiency through a student reading portfolio.
- Students who have received reading intervention and previously been retained more than once in prior grades.

What will the third grade End of Grade test look like?



End of Grade Released Test

The Rhinoceros

by Oliver Herford

So this is the Rhinoceros!
I wonder why he looks so cross.
Perhaps he is annoyed a bit
Because his clothing does not fit.
5 (They say he got it ready made!)
It is not that, I am afraid.
He looks so cross because I drew
Him with one horn instead of two.
Well, since he cares so much for style,
10 Let's give him two and see him smile.

How does the Rhinoceros look at the beginning of the poem?

- A calm
- B eager
- C scared
- D upset

What would change the Rhinoceros's feelings?

- A giving him new clothing
- B being afraid of his size
- C drawing him with two horns
- D showing off his new style

How can I help my child?

- Communicate with your child's teacher.
- Set aside time for your child to read and/or for you to read to your child daily.
- Visit the local library and check out books.
- Talk to your child and encourage the child to talk and write about the things that interest the child.
- Talk to your child about all the fun and exciting things the child will learn in third grade.





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