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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As your child begins third grade, you will see a big focus on reading and on learning skills and facts that he or she will need in fourth grade and even in middle school and high school. As part of the Read to Achieve legislation (G.S. §115C-83.1A) passed by the General Assembly in 2012, your child will be given a beginning-of-grade standardized test to establish a baseline measure of how he or she is reading. This test will be administered on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Following the test administration, you will receive an individual student report with your child's score. As you review the report, make notes about your child's test score and other questions you may have. Be sure to discuss your questions with your child's teacher when you attend a parent-teacher-student conference.

At the end of third grade, your child will take the end-of-grade tests in reading and in mathematics. Read to Achieve requires that third graders who are not reading at a proficient level on the end-of-grade reading test be given extra attention. If your child does not score proficient on the end-of-grade test in reading at the end of third grade, here is what will happen:

- First, your child will be retested to make sure that he or she did not have a bad day on the day of the test administration.
- Second, if your child is not proficient on the retest, he or she will attend a summer reading camp to help improve his or her reading skills. This camp is at no charge to you. Your local school district will organize the camp and give you more information about when and where it will be held.
- If you do not agree to send your child to summer reading camp, your child will repeat third grade the next school year to give him or her more time to build strong reading skills.
- At the end of summer reading camp, your child's reading will be retested. If he or she tests proficient, your child will be eligible to be promoted to fourth grade. If your child does not score proficient at the end of summer reading camp, he or she will be placed in a fourth-grade class but will have a third-grade retention label. Ninety minutes of uninterrupted reading instruction will be provided daily in these fourth-grade classes. Your child will be eligible to retake the reading test in late October to achieve a mid-year promotion and to have the third-grade retention label removed. Your child will remain in the same fourth-grade class for the entire school year and will continue to receive the uninterrupted reading instruction throughout fourth grade to support ongoing improvement in reading skills.

If you have questions or concerns about this new reading requirement, please feel free to contact me. Collettsville School looks forward to a new school year and helping all students become better readers by the end of third grade.

Sincerely,

Craig Styron