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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students in grades K-3 receive focused instruction in early reading skills such as phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, and reading comprehension. These foundational skills are essential to building a strong foundation for future learning. Because early literacy is so critical to a successful school experience, it is important that all students meet grade-level benchmarks for reading proficiency. As such, <insert school name> is committed to identifying strengths and weaknesses early and frequently so that instruction can meet the needs of individual students.

In 2018, the legislature passed the **Nebraska Reading Improvement Act**, which is designed to address student reading needs in grades K-3. The law requires that all students in grades K-3 are screened three times during the year in an effort to identify potential areas of struggle and determine supplemental instruction and intervention.

The fall <insert name of assessment and <BOY/MOY/EOY> assessment identified one or more areas of difficulty for your student. The information below outlines your student's performance compared to the established threshold levels.

A variety of factors have an impact on student achievement and a student's performance on a reading assessment. The results are one measure of performance amongst many indicators of progress. In addition, young children develop reading proficiency at different rates, and for some students, performance may fluctuate throughout the year. Please contact your child's teacher should you have concerns.

Within the next 30 days, further information including, but not limited to, reading diagnostic assessments will be completed to assist in the development of an Individualized Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP). The IRIP will outline the course of action for implementing evidence-based strategies and interventions. Your student's progress toward the improvement goals will be monitored and documented by the educational team, and the IRIP will include suggestions for expanding literacy skills at home.

Thank you for partnering with us in your student's educational journey. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.