

June

Dear Family of

This spring, all students in first through sixth grade were assessed in the area of reading. The assessment was conducted on an individual basis using an informal reading inventory. The students read stories to themselves and then reread orally to a teacher. Following the reading of the story, they retold the story in their own words and answered some questions.

We believe information gained about your child from this assessment is valuable. We gain an approximation of your child's reading level. On this reading inventory your child tested below grade level. However, I hesitate to call it below grade level, because developmentally about a third of children aren't ready to read in first grade. In addition, if your child is learning English s/he may take between three and five years to acquire the vocabulary needed to become a proficient reader in English.

Additional small group instruction will be provided to your child starting in September and his or her progress will be closely monitored. In the meantime, the most important thing you can do at home over the summer is to keep reading with or to your child, at least 20 minutes daily; and have conversations about what you read. Children learn to read by reading and being read to. If you need help with what to read, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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