Overview of Third Grade Reading Legislation For Parents
and we will be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others.
Learning About the Law

• What is the law about?
• How will it affect my child?
• What do I need to know as a parent?
• What can I do to support my child?
What is the law about?

• The law requires extra support for DK-3rd grade students who are not at grade level in reading

• It also requires that a child be retained in 3rd grade if they are more than 1 grade level behind by the end of 3rd grade
What Do I Need to Know As a Parent?

• Your child’s reading progress will be closely monitored.
• If your child isn’t reading at grade level, an Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP) will be created. The plan includes:
  • Extra instruction or support in reading areas of need
  • Ongoing checks on reading progress
  • A Read at Home Plan (RAHP)
• You have the right and are encouraged to be involved every step of the way!
How will this affect my child?

• Your school will continue using a screener in DK-3rd grade to identify students who need extra help with reading.
• If your child is identified as needing additional supports your school will provide your child with an Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP) and a Read at Home Plan (RAHP).
What is an IRIP and RAHP?

Individual Reading Improvement Plan*

- Plan for the school staff (teachers, interventionists) with specific activities and targeted supports to help your student
- Will include tracking the student’s progress on the activities

Read at Home Plan

- Plan for the family that engages you and your child in reading and writing outside of the school day
- Will include an invitation to the Parent Workshops to support parents at home in the specific activities

*Your child will not miss regular reading instruction as a part of this plan.
How will this affect my child?

• This part of the law will apply starting when this year’s 1st grade (2017-18) reach 3rd grade
  • A student will not be promoted to 4th grade unless they are less than 1 grade level behind by the end of 3rd grade
• A child will only be required to repeat 3rd grade once
What Can I Do to Support My Child?

• Ensure your child attends school daily!

• Talk positively about school

• Do reading activities with your child - even in the summer!
  • Some examples include:
    • Play rhyming games - I am thinking of a word that rhymes with ______
    • Play sound games - I spy something that starts with the sound /t/ [tree]
    • Look for letters on signs as you drive down the road
    • Listen to nursery rhymes and children’s songs and discuss the rhyming words
    • Read together - you read a sentence, they read a sentence
    • Talk about what you read in books, newspaper, online, or in magazines