In the fall of 2016, Governor Rick Snyder signed into law a bill that would attempt to boost early-elementary reading skills in Michigan’s schools. The Third-Grade Reading Law is designed to improve early elementary reading skills that impact your child’s future school success. To show children are reading at grade level, third-graders must demonstrate proficiency in one of three ways: through Michigan’s state standardized test (M-Step), an alternative assessment, or through a portfolio of their work.

***What does this mean for your child’s school?***

In the fall of 2017, you can expect to see this law being implemented within Kindergarten through third grade classrooms at your child’s school using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reading program.

 Elementary students will continue to be assessed three times per year, and students in kindergarten through grade three, who are reading below grade level, will be provided with an Individual Reading Plan. Also, parents of struggling readers will be provided with a Read-At-Home plan to assist their children.

Our district and school is working on a plan to train and support current staff to meet the literacy requirements of the Third Grade Reading law.

While your child’s school already does a lot of what the Third-Grade Reading Law requires, we are looking forward to partnering with parents and the community to increase reading skills for all children in Kindergarten through Grade Three.