

## Dear Parent or Guardian of

Recent legislation strengthened the Ohio Third Grade Reading Guarantee to give greater emphasis to reading instruction and intervention in the early grades. Through this initiative, school districts are required to diagnose reading deficiencies by administering a diagnostic assessment to all students in kindergarten by November 1st, and students in grades one, two or three by September 30th. Columbus City Schools administers an assessment called i-Ready, a computer-adaptive, individually-administered test designed to assess early literacy skills.

Student results on the i-Ready assessment were defined and categorized as on-track or not on-track. A student receiving a designation as on-track is any student meeting the required score for first grade of 378 or second grade of 440. Third grade is unique in that students must score a 700 on their fall or spring Ohio State Test and a 50 or higher on the Reading Subscale in English/Language Arts by state standard so your child may or may not be on track. See one of two reasons checked below.

You are receiving this letter because based upon the iReady assessment:

Your child has been identified as not on-track in the area of reading for his/her current grade level.

This plan was developed to document your child's progress to ensure continued literacy growth and success.

Descriptions of the current services provided for the student are as follows:

90 minutes of Reading Instruction	Small Group Instruction
Tutoring or Mentoring	Other:

Descriptions of the proposed supplemental services are as follows:

120 minutes of Reading Instruction	Small Group Intervention
Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO)	Tutoring or Mentoring
	Other:

The Third Grade Reading Guarantee also requires schools to develop a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan for students identified as *not on-track* based on the i-Ready assessment.

It has always been the goal of Columbus City Schools to meet the educational needs of our students. Accordingly, it is imperative that we continue to work collaboratively to ensure the success of our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or my office directly should you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Principal