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Dear Parents,

Each autumn, Ohio elementary schools are asked to develop Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans for children in grades K – 3 who are not reading on grade level. Boys and girls who are not reading on grade level by the end of third grade must be retained in third grade, with additional instruction by a reading specialist for that year.

Realistically here at Fredericktown Elementary we would only have had to retain a small handful of students based on the new legislation if it had been effective during the last several years

Our goal in all of this is two-fold. First of all, we want to partner with you to communicate clearly the tested reading level of your son or daughter now at the beginning of this school year. Additionally, we want to share with you what we can accomplish together to help your son or daughter continue to make improvement in his or her reading placement.

We do not wish to place extra stress on parents, particularly at the beginning of the kindergarten year. We are all aware that children do not all develop in any area on the same schedule. Four school years of instruction are available to help children reach the goal of reading on grade level by the end of third grade, and we are confident that we can work with you to reach that goal. If the reading level of your son or daughter indicates that a RIMP is necessary, his or her teacher will contact you very soon to share the document with you.

If you have additional questions, the ODE (Ohio Department of education) has a website with lots of information about the new Common Core Standards and the RIMP. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Emily Funston
Elementary Principal