



Macon County Schools

Shawn Carter, Director of Schools

February 9, 2024

Dear Families,

As you know, your 4th grader has been receiving English Language Arts (ELA) tutoring this year, as a result of:

- A. Scoring "below" or "approaching" on the ELA portion of their TCAP test in 3rd grade, or
- B. Not demonstrating State-defined "adequate growth" during summer school last year.

We want to keep you informed about your child's progress throughout 4th grade as they once again prepare to take the TCAP assessment. Our State is continuing to monitor the same group of 4th graders that did not meet or exceed expectations on their ELA TCAP test last year, and has determined that they must show "adequate growth" on the 4th grade ELA TCAP to be promoted to 5th grade. State legislators are expected to meet later this month to define what "adequate growth" means for our students, and as soon as we learn of their definition, we will reach out to you again.

One indicator of how your child is progressing this year is their composite score on their most recent AimsWeb Universal Reading Screener, which was given in December. Students with composite scores below 50% are most at risk for not meeting TCAP expectations. Attached you will find your child's Winter AimsWeb Universal Screener scores in Reading. Macon County is committed to your child's academic success and we are glad to have the opportunity to provide your child with the necessary instruction and support he or she may need.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 21, 2024 from 12:00-6:00. With your child potentially being at-risk, it is very important that you make every effort to attend parent teacher conference. If you choose not to attend, please sign below and return to school.

Student Name: _____

Any factor that puts your child at risk for retention will be checked below:

_____ Reading Composite Score is below the 50th Percentile.

_____ 3rd Grade TCAP scores were Approaching Expectations or Below Expectations.

_____ Latest Benchmark Reading Exam score was in an at risk category.

_____ Reading grade is a failing grade.

Please sign below and return to school if you are unable to attend.

I understand that my child is at risk for retention in 4th grade. I will be unable to attend the February parent teacher conference.

Parent/Guardian Signature

***If you are unable to attend and would like to set up a phone conference with your child's teacher, please contact them directly about setting that up.**

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