

Dear ACS Families:

Our focus in grades K-3 is to ensure our students are successful readers. Students need strong reading skills in order to learn in all other subject areas such as science, history, writing, and even math. With that in mind, we work diligently to provide explicit instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension each day so that our students can be successful.

The Alabama Literacy Act #2019-523 helps ensure that every student meets grade level reading standards by the end of 3rd grade. Beginning in the 2021 - 2022 school year, 3rd grade students must score proficient on the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment (ACAP) in order to be promoted to the 4th grade. It also requires school districts to administer early literacy assessments, intensive reading intervention, comprehensive reading instruction, and dyslexia specific intervention. In addition, it requires school districts to provide individual reading plans, read at home plans, summer reading camp, and after school tutoring for students who are identified as having a reading deficiency.

This fall, we administered the mCLASS assessment to all K-3rd grade students. Your child's school will be sharing those results with you soon. You will also get a copy of the Home Connect report which offers families additional activities to help accelerate your child's growth. Please take a few minutes to read through the report and the Home Connect activities. Families are the backbone of student learning and family involvement is critical to student success. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

We welcome the opportunity to partner with you and your child this year and are committed to accelerating individual student growth.