

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The goal of the Read to Achieve program, enacted by the state of North Carolina in 2012, is to ensure that every student reads at or above grade level by the end of third grade and continues to do so.

Third-graders take the Beginning-of-Grade 3 (BOG3) Reading Test to establish a baseline measure of their reading skills. This test is required to be administered in person. Third-grade students are not expected to demonstrate a third-grade reading proficiency (a score of achievement level 3, 4, or 5) on the BOG3 test because they have not yet received an entire year of third-grade reading instruction. But an achievement level of 3 or higher will satisfy the Read to Achieve promotion requirements.

If your student scores below proficient on the BOG3, there are additional opportunities to meet the promotion criteria before the end of school. These include the Istation ISIP Early Reading Middle & End of the Year assessment and the administration of the EOG and Read to Achieve Test at the end of the year.

Additional options to satisfy the requirements for Read to Achieve include:

- Limited English Proficient students with less than two school years of instruction in an ESL Program;
- Students with disabilities who meet specific criteria;
- Students who have received reading intervention and also have been retained more than once in kindergarten, first, second, or third grade.

If your child is not proficient by the end of the year, they can attend a free reading camp. Afterward, your child may achieve reading proficiency by passing the Read to Achieve Test or by passing the locally-approved alternative test approved by the State Board of Education. Reading camp information is available from your child's school.

If you have questions or concerns about Read to Achieve requirements, please contact Elizabeth Plotkin, Instructional Facilitator at eplotkin@wcpss.net or 919-460-3469. Farmington Woods Elementary looks forward to working with you and your child in helping them become a better reader by the end of third grade. Thank you for your continued dedication to your child's success in school.

Sincerely,

Winston Pierce, principal