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Dear Families of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students,

As we draw closer to the TCAP test coming this spring, I want to remind you of the new state law regarding the promotion of students from third grade. In an effort to ensure that students are on the pathway to academic success, the state of Tennessee targeted 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading as a benchmark for student progress.

The law states that each **3<sup>rd</sup> grade student must be proficient in reading before they may be promoted to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.** This proficiency is determined by the student's end of the year report card grade for reading that now includes the TCAP test. I encourage you to review your child's progress for all subjects, but especially their reading grades. Please contact your child's teacher for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

Aarona VanWinkle  
Cumberland County Director of Schools

*"To empower each student with the skills to be a productive citizen"*