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May 21, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of grade three students who attend Southern Local Elementary School.

On Wednesday, May 19 your child completed the grade three Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment. Your child was required to complete this assessment as part of the Ohio Department of Education mandate regarding the (TGRG) Third Grade Reading Guarantee. The TGRG was initially implemented in Ohio at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. With the start of the 2013-2014 school year the TGRG states that third grade students who have been identified as Not on Track in Reading and have not met the promotion requirement in Reading must repeat third grade.

To be identified as On Track in Reading a student must meet one of the following requirements: (1) Score at or above 683 on Ohio's combined ELA/Reading Assessment. (2) Score at or above the sub score of 46 on the Reading part of Ohio's ELA/Reading Assessment. Grade three students complete the ELA/Reading assessment in October, March and July. (3) Score at or above 615 on the grade three Terra Nova Alternative Reading assessment in March, May or June. Students who do not meet at least one of these requirements must repeat third grade.

I am sending you a copy of your child's Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment results. These results are yours to keep for your records. This was your child's second opportunity to complete the Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment.

_____ Your child scored at or above the required ODE Scale Score of 615 on the grade three Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment that was completed on May 19. Your child has met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion/retention requirement and is now identified as On Track in Reading.

_____ Your child has not reached the score of 683 or higher on Ohio's combined ELA/Reading Assessment or 46 or higher on the Reading part of Ohio's ELA/Reading Assessment or 615 or higher on the Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment. Under the guidelines of Third Grade Reading Guarantee your child qualifies for a retention exemption. The retention exemption that qualifies your child to be promoted to fourth grade is based on your child's IEP which specifically exempts your child from retention under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee or the fact that your child has previously been retained in kindergarten, first, second or third grade.

_____ Your child scored below the ODE required scale score of 615 on the grade three Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment that was completed on May 19. Your child has not yet met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion requirement of being On Track in Reading and is in danger of having to repeat grade three during the 2021-2022 school year. Your child will have one last opportunity to complete the Terra Nova Alternative Reading Assessment on Wednesday, June 9. Parents should have their child arrive at school no later than 9:15 AM. Parents will be able to pick their child up at approximately 10:30 AM. Parents will be informed of their child's test results no later than the end of the day on Thursday, June 10.

If you have questions regarding the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirements please contact me at your convenience. You can reach me by calling 330-679-2301, extension 4019 or by email at larry.rudloff@omeresane.net.

Sincerely,
Larry Rudloff
Guidance Counselor

