Parent Meeting

January 14, 2014
IREAD-3 & ISTEP+
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Required of All Third Graders

Indiana House Enrolled Act 1367, also known as PL109 in 2010, designed to ensure all students can read before accessing fourth grade reading/literacy instruction

Assesses Indiana Academic Standards, specifically those which align to reading skills required at the end of third grade

Learning to Read vs. Reading to Learn
When: March 17-19, 2014

Results returned end of April

What happens if a student Does Not Pass?
Remediation
Retest in summer

A DNP on second test will result in child staying in Grade 3 for another year
Exemptions for Retention Policy

1. Students who have previously been retained two times prior to promotion to fourth grade

2. Students with disabilities whose Case Conference Committee has determined that promotion is appropriate

3. English Learner students whose Individual Learning Plan (ILP) Committee has determined that promotion is appropriate
More information can be found on the Indiana Department of Education Website – www.doe.in.gov


ISTEP + Tests - English/Language Arts & Math
Assesses Reading and Writing Standards
Used for Federal Accountability Purposes as reflected in School and District Grade
ISTEP+ - taken in two parts
Applied Skills: March 3-12
  Includes "open ended" type items, including constructed response, extended response, and writing prompt items
Multiple Choice: April 28 - May 9
Classroom Expectations

Reading Expectations

Comprehension

Nonfiction Reading

Reading Levels
READING LEVELS

Fountas & Pinnell

2nd
- K, L, M

3rd
- N, O, P

4th
- Q, R, S

5th
- T, U, V
Lexile

Your child has a lexile score that indicates what he/she knows or can do with literacy skills and concepts.

Your child should read books no more than 100 points below or 50 points above his/her lexile.

Your child's lexile is measured on the SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory) and SPI (Scholastic Phonics Inventory) assessments.
Lexile Range

Grade 2  300-600
Grade 3  500-800
Grade 4  600-900
Grade 5  700-1000
You can find books within your child's lexile range at:

www.lexile.com

or

www.scholastic.com
Classroom Expectations

Writing
Complete Sentences/Paragraphs

Math
Basic Facts
• Grades 2: +, -
• Grade 3: +, -, some x
• Grades 4 and 5: +, -, x, /
Classroom Expectations

Working Toward Independence

Following Multi-step Directions

Sustained Effort

Rechecking/Going Back and Looking for Answers in Text
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Vocabulary:

Sample Items:
http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-grades-3-8
Use Harmony Parent Portal at:

www.hobart.k12.in.us

Call the school office for help with username and password!
Khan Academy is a link under “Cool Tools” on our website. This is a free website that has YouTube video tutorials on almost anything you need.

Click Khan, then Khan Academy, and login using Facebook, Google, or the Parents, start here button.
Currently, three staff members are working on plans for after school programs to help students who need extra help. Look for more information about this before the end of the month!
Decades of research show that when parents are involved students have:

Higher grades, test scores, & graduation rates
Better school attendance
Lower rates of suspension
Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
Fewer instances of violent behavior