



North St. Francois County R-1

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

As you know, reading is a skill all students need. Research shows that children who can read well by the end of third grade are more likely to do well all through their school years. NCSD tracks the progress of each student in grades K-3 toward the goal of reading proficiency. We want to give you the information you need about your child's reading progress.

_____’s Renaissance STAR Early Literacy Lexile score is _____, which is at the **Early Transitional** stage of reading. At this stage, a student has mastered alphabet skills and letter-sound relationships. The student can identify many beginning and ending consonant sounds and long and short vowel sounds. Students are usually beginning to read unfamiliar words and easy-reader material, but are not yet a fluent, independent reader.

All children can benefit from extra time on reading. Here is just a sample of the kinds of things you can work on at home.

TRANSITIONAL READER SKILLS	AT-HOME ACTIVITIES
For all skills	Have your child read to you!
Read with purpose and understanding	Ask your child to tell you about what he or she just read. Ask questions, and lead the discussion to get a full response.
Identify words that are opposite and words that are the same	Play the game Same or Opposite: You start by saying a pair of words that are opposites and ask <i>Same or Opposite?</i> Mix it up by also giving pairs of words that mean about the same thing. When you think your child is ready, switch roles and let him or her think of the words for you to answer “Same or Opposite” to.
Determine the meanings of words using knowledge of homographs (words that are spelled the same, but have different meanings)	Practice wordplay games while driving in the car with your child. Talk about how the word <i>jam</i> means something you put on toast, as well as cars stuck in traffic. How many other homographs can your student think of? When children are highly familiar with the meaning of a word, they have an easier time reading it.

Thank you for supporting your student's reading progress.

Sincerely,