



Thomas E. Kerns Elementary School
Greenville County Schools

October 6, 2014

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This fall, as part of the Readiness Assessment Program, children in prekindergarten and kindergarten will be assessed for early language and literacy within the first 45 days of instruction.

The assessment that will be used is the CIRCLE assessment, from Amplify Education, Inc. The CIRCLE assessment measures critical skills for early language and literacy. The assessment uses short, research-based tasks and observations. Based on the assessment, teachers can identify areas of strength or concern and provide detailed reports and analysis. They can then plan individual, group, or class activities, based on performance and progress.

This assessment is required under:

- Provisos 1A.76 and 1A.3 of the General Appropriations Act of 2014
 - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-v2014/appropriations2014/tap1b.htm#s1
- Section 59-152-33 of the First Steps to School Readiness Initiative
 - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/3428.htm
- Read to Succeed Act
 - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/516.htm

If you have any questions about the assessment, or your child's classroom work and progress, please talk to your child's teacher. If you have further questions about the Readiness Assessment Program, please contact Kevin Fatica at the South Carolina Department of Education, at 803-734-8282, or kjfatica@ed.sc.gov.

Thank you for sharing your children with us! It is a pleasure to have them at Thomas E. Kerns!

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Mulkey

"CATCH the Wildcat Spirit!"

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Estimado Padre(s) Guardian (s),

Este otoño, como parte del Readiness Assessment Program, niños en prekindergarten y kindergarten serán evaluados dentro de los primeros 45 días de instrucción en lenguaje y alfabetización temprana.

La evaluación que será usada es la evaluación CIRCLE de Amplify Education, INC. La evaluación mide destrezas críticas de lenguaje y alfabetización temprana. La evaluación usa investigaciones cortas de tareas y observaciones. Basado en la evaluación, las maestras/os pueden identificar áreas de fortaleza o preocupación y proveer reportes y analices detallados. Entonces así ellos pueden planear actividades en clases, individuales o en grupo, basadas en rendimiento y progreso.

Esta evaluación es requerida bajo:

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Si usted tiene alguna pregunta sobre esta evaluación, o el trabajo y progreso del salón de clase de su hijo/a, por favor hable con el maestra de su hijo/a. Si usted tiene más preguntas sobre el Readiness Assessment Program, por favor comuníquese con Kevin Fatica en South Carolina Department of Education, al 803-734-8282, o kjfatica@ed.sc.gov

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