



Phoenix Advantage Charter School

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Dear Kindergarten – 3rd Grade Parents/Guardians,

At PACS, our focus is on providing the best high-quality reading instruction to all students each day. Through a process called Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), all kindergarten – 3rd grade students are screened for reading difficulties throughout the school year. This universal screening process includes ALL K-3 students and informs teachers which students are on-track to meet the next grade-level benchmark and students who need more instruction in order to be on-track.

For students who need additional instruction, interventions will be provided immediately by the classroom teacher and/or by an instructional assistant. The progress of all students receiving reading intervention is closely monitored. Parents are essential to this process and will be notified if your child needs additional support.

Arizona’s Move on When Reading (MOWR) legislation places great importance on this process beginning in kindergarten to ensure all students remain on track to be reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade. Arizona Revised Statute §15-701 states that if a student scores below the cut score on the reading portion of the 3rd grade statewide exam, he/she will not be promoted to the 4th grade until the student makes sufficient progress in reading proficiency. It is understood that each child is unique, therefore exemptions have been established for students to be promoted to 4th grade.

Those exemptions and additional information about Arizona’s MOWR law can be found at www.azed.gov/mowr.

A variety of factors, in and outside of school, can influence a child’s educational path and progress. It is important for parents to share in the educational journey, through constant communication and involvement. We encourage you to continue to highlight and celebrate your child’s strengths and share difficulties if they occur.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions and we look forward to a successful school year!

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