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Dear YCS D Families:

Please be reminded that the state of Ohio requires that our students be assessed with the Third Grade AIR English Language Arts in the area of Reading to determine meeting the Third Grade Guarantee. The Third Grade Guarantee requires that students score a promotional score of 44 or higher on the Reading portion of the test. A proficient score on the Reading portion of this test is 50 and a score of 700 is proficient on the entire English Language Arts Tests. Please remember our students were given this test in the fall. The Third Grade students can be assessed starting March 20, 2017.

The document that is enclosed along with this letter details additional information about the Third Grade Guarantee (TGRG). All tests will be given in an online format on a secure website provided by the state of Ohio except those students requiring special accommodations. If you would like more information regarding testing and the TGRG please go to the following websites:

AIR State Testing:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohios-State-Test-in-ELA-Math-Science-SocialStudies>

Third Grade Guarantee:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Literacy/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee-Family-Resources>

We believe that the curriculum that our students have been studying all year has prepared them to be successful on the Ohio State Tests. They have also been practicing by taking online assessments during the course of the school year. The students have been reviewing material that will be on the upcoming tests as well. Please encourage your children to do their very best and remain positive about how they will do. Getting a good night's rest the day before the test and a smooth start to the day is always very helpful. **Each of your buildings has been given the freedom to develop their own testing schedule within the district testing windows mentioned above. The testing schedule for your child's building should be shared with you and available at the main office of where your child attends.**

As we move closer to the test dates more information will be released. If you have questions, please contact your building principal or me at 330-744-6980.

Sincerely,

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