



August 25, 2005

Dear Students and Parents:

Third Grade Requirements

Beginning with the 2000-2001 school year, North Carolina public school students were required to meet new statewide standards for promotion. The standards, also called gateways, will ensure that students are working at grade level in reading, writing and mathematics before being promoted to the next grade. The third grade gateway is as follows:

In third grade, students must:

- ☐ Meet local promotion requirements
- ☐ Demonstrate grade-level proficiency by scoring at a Level III or above on state End-Of-Grade (EOG) tests in reading and mathematics

It is essential that third grade students and their parents be aware of this requirement in order to be promoted to the fourth grade at the end of next year.

Principals and teachers will be available to answer your questions about the new standards. Please feel free to call on them for additional information. Finally, we ask that students and parents sign this letter as an indication that they have received notification of this change and return to your principal by September 12, 2005. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Anne G. Garrett
Superintendent

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature