

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some of the strategies Knox will be implementing:

- Students will read at least 2 articles a week at 75% proficiency
- Using iReady (Math) weekly to address student specific deficits
- A variety of vocabulary programs are used for individualized growth
- Edmentum is an ELA supplement to assist students with their reading goals

Parent engagement is the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:

- Make sure both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher.
- Call the front office (704) 633-2922 to request a parent-teacher conference if you have questions or concerns about your student.
- Make sure your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your student's assignments.
- Monitor the progress your student is making by routinely checking Parent Portal.
- Keep track of us on our school website as well as Social Media: Facebook and Twitter
- Volunteer

This sounds like a lot, but preparing our students so they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. Here are some resources available to help:

- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. We have already seen gains in student Lexile scores as well as growth in benchmark testing.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your continued support of our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Courtwright
Principal
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