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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the new school year, Park Ridge would like to introduce you to our early literacy universal screening process for students in kindergarten through grade three. This screening is a crucial part of our literacy program and is designed to help identify students who may benefit from targeted literacy support early in their education.

Early literacy universal screening involves assessing students' reading skills at least twice a year, as required by [New Jersey law](#). These assessments help us gather valuable information about each child's reading development and guide us in providing appropriate support. It's important to note that this screening is not a diagnosis or indication of a disability; rather, it is a tool we use to promote each child's success as a reader.

We will use the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills). The assessment will be administered by a teacher or staff member and will take approximately 5-7 minutes to complete. After the screening is complete, we will provide you with a Family Report detailing your child's literacy screening results, including how they compare to grade-level norms.

We believe that universal literacy screening is an essential step in ensuring every child has the opportunity to become a successful reader. Thank you for your continued partnership, and please feel free to reach out with any questions about the screening process.

Sincerely,

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