Mountainside School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting early reading success, the Mountainside School District conducts universal literacy screenings for students in kindergarten through grade three. This aligns with New Jersey legislation (P.L. 2024, c. 52), which ensures young learners benefit from evidence-based literacy instruction and early support. 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. In addition, this provides valuable information about each child's reading development and helps guide instruction and support based on individual needs.

The Mountainside School District administers the i-Ready Inform Benchmarks and i-Ready Literacy Tasks as our universal literacy screening tools. Screenings are conducted in the fall, winter, and spring. After each screening is completed, families will receive a report of the results which will also be available through the LinkIt! Parent Portal. Screening results will be shared in November, February, and June to keep you informed of your child's literacy progress.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and please feel free to reach out with any questions about the screening process.

Regards,

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Superintendent

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