Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school is committed to helping every student become a successful reader. This school year, we are transitioning from NWEA to Acadience Reading as our universal reading screener for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Acadience Reading is a brief assessment that helps teachers identify students' strengths and areas of need in important reading skills. Depending on a student's grade level, Acadience may assess skills such as:

- **Phonemic Awareness** – hearing and working with sounds in spoken words
- **Phonics** – connecting letters with sounds and reading unfamiliar words
- **Reading Fluency** – reading accurately, smoothly, and at an appropriate rate
- **Reading Comprehension** – understanding what is read

Students will complete different Acadience measures based on their grade level. Most measures are brief and are designed to give teachers a quick snapshot of a student's reading development.

Acadience Reading will be administered three times during the school year—at the beginning, middle, and end of the year. Teachers will use the results, along with other classroom information, to help plan instruction, identify students who may benefit from additional reading support, and monitor student growth. Acadience scores are not used as grades.

Following each testing period, families will receive a parent report with their child's Acadience Reading results. This report will provide information about your child's performance and progress in the reading skills assessed.

Our goal is to use this information to make sure each student receives the reading instruction and support needed to continue growing as a reader. We appreciate your partnership as we work together to support your child's success.

Sincerely,

Anthony Barbato
Principal