LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter into a new school year, the Little Silver School District is preparing to continue our early literacy universal screening process for all students in kindergarten through grade three. Our district has long been committed to using assessment data to understand student needs and inform instructional decision making. Universal 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 three times per year (Fall, Winter, Spring), 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 is 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.

The Little Silver School District utilizes the DIBELS 8th Edition literacy screener. The assessment will be administered by a teacher or staff member and will take approximately 3-5 minutes to complete. After each screening window concludes, we will provide you with a report detailing your child's literacy screening results, including how they compare to grade-level norms. It will also provide information about the various support services available in the district, including reading interventions, to help your child succeed.

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 as we launch a positive and productive school year.

Sincerely,

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