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Hello NGS 3rd Grade Families!

It is amazing that this school year is already in full swing. We are excited that you have chosen to send your third grader to Newport Grammar School. Third grade is an essential year in your child's kindergarten through twelfth grade educational experience. In third grade, students have a goal to solidify their ability to read fluently and comprehend what they read. In fact, you should have received a home literacy report in October outlining your child's progress and helping you understand how your child is progressing in their ability to learn to read. Students will also be taking benchmark tests in all four subjects three times this year to help identify their progress towards being prepared for the TCAP.

At the end of the school year, your child will take the statewide assessment called the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program, or TCAP. This assessment gives us important information and data that gives us an idea of how your student is progressing towards mastering academic standards.

This notice is to inform parents that the Tennessee General Assembly passed T.C.A. 49-6-3115 during their legislative session in 2021. This new law, which goes into effect this school year, states that third-grade students who score "Below Expectations" or "Approaching Expectations" on the English Language Arts (ELA) section of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) may face additional requirements before being able to advance to fourth grade.

These additional requirements may include:

- Retaking and passing the test in the summer before the next school year begins.
- Being required to attend summer school with a 90% attendance rate and exhibiting adequate growth as determined by the Tennessee Department of Education.
- Participating in additional tutoring services throughout the following school year

We want to keep you informed about your child's progress throughout third grade, and we encourage you to support your child's learning in third grade in several ways. First, it is important for your child to practice reading at home. One way your child can practice reading is to read aloud with you for twenty minutes each day. Second, develop a strong relationship and communication strategy with your child's third grade teacher. Third, pay close attention to information sent home from school especially letters sharing your child's progress in third grade.

If there are any changes throughout the year, we will update you immediately.