

# **BCD District #999**

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February 22, 2008

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

During the last three weeks we have benchmarked all fourth grade students using the DIBELS program (the same program used in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading evaluation). The benchmarking results suggest that we have some students who are excelling, while others are still struggling with basic reading skills. Based on these results we have decided to provide small group instruction to those students who are behind the rest of the class.

Beginning Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, your 4<sup>th</sup> grade student will begin receiving small group reading instruction. Our goal is to give your child more individualized instruction, focusing on fluency skills and comprehension. We will have our reading group two to three times a week to help them meet the benchmark goal at the end of the year. As part of the small group work, your child will also be progress monitored once a week to track their reading progress.

Enclosed is a copy of your child's DIBELS progress over the course of their education here at BCD School. The gray bar indicates where your child should be reading based on 4<sup>th</sup> grade norms and the dots indicate where they are currently reading.

If you have any questions about the printout or the reading group, please contact Camille (406) 333-2222 or your student's fourth grade teacher 222-6666.

We are truly excited to begin a reading group that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. Partnering to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of children.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Great  
Mrs. Zippy  
Camille