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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Student Reading Levels

Each spring our teachers complete a reading assessment with their students called the Fountas and Pinnell (F&P) Benchmark Assessment. This assessment reports to our teachers the reading level for each student. The reading levels are described by a letter code – A through Z. These levels can also be shared as a grade level equivalent, which means that when the assessment was completed for a student, the results place the student's reading level at the beginning, middle or end of year in a particular grade (for example, beginning grade 3). (At the bottom of this letter is the table that shows the letter code and the grade.)

This information is collected at the end of the year to assist teachers in building an appropriate reading program for their students. Research indicates that students develop reading skill when they are working with material that is appropriate for their level. St. Martin's has been using the results from these assessments to plan literacy programs for students for the last several years.

On the June report card this year, we will share with parents each student's reading level, as described by the grade level equivalent - beginning, middle or end of a grade. The motivation to share this information with parents is to be as clear as possible about where your child is at in their reading skills. Please keep in mind that reading levels are not reporting a child's intelligence or overall abilities. We want all students and their parents to focus on continuing to practice and grow in their reading levels, regardless of where students are at currently. Students certainly can do this during the summer!!!

Next year, St. Martin's School will be organizing a "Home Reading Program" for all students from grade 1- 6. We expect that home reading happens daily, because we know this is the best way for each student to grow their literacy skills. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me (email is best over the summer months) at josephd@eics.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

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Fountas and Pinnell

Progress Monitoring by Instructional Text Reading Level

GRADE	MONTHS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
K	-	-	-	A	A/B	B	B	C	C	C
1	G/D	D	E	E/F	F	G	G/H	H	I	I
2	I/J	J	J	J/K	K	K/L	L	L	M	M
3	M/N	N	N	N	O	O	O	P	P	P
4	P/Q	Q	Q	Q	R	R	R	S	S	S
5	S/T	T	T	T	U	U	U	V	V	V
6	V/W	W	W	W	X	X	X	X	Y	Y
7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y/Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
8	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
9-12	Z	Z	Z	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+

Fountas and Pinnell levels tied to common core and RTI....I was looking for some ideas for explaining book levels to parents, and here it is!