RSA for 3rd Grade

RSA is the state mandating we perform RTI for grades K-3

**Beginning of Year**

- Assess all students using the **STAR Reading** at least one time between **August 27th and September 14th**.
  - Students who are below benchmark may retest if needed.
  - All parents will be given the STAR Reading Parent Letter to inform parents of their child’s reading level by **September 21st**.
- All students who are categorized as Urgent Intervention, Intervention, or On Watch by **September 14th** will be placed on an RSA Academic Performance Plan (RSA APP).
  - Students who are placed on an RSA APP, will need to have the APP signed during the Fall Conference if at all possible.
  - If the parent is unable to attend, a **copy** of the APP will be sent home, and the teacher can notate that the plan was sent home on the original RSA APP.
  - If needed the plan can be sent by certified mail.
- **Interventions**
  - Interventions should be conducted 3-5 days per week, in a small group, or one-on-one, with the teacher.
  - Interventions should be targeted, direct and focused on one skill at a time. Time per session should be 5-15 minutes per session. This time should be based on what is most appropriate for the student.
- **STAR Progress Monitoring** – The 5 benchmarks per year, adequately satisfy the law. If you wish you may give the assessment, no more than once per month, to students who are below benchmark.
- **Intervention Based Progress Monitoring** – Teachers may PM after every 4 interventions with a progress monitoring tool that matches the intervention. See attached form: RSA and RTI Intervention Guide.
  - This may seem confusing, but as a teacher ask yourself if STAR is the best way to progress monitor the skill you are intervening. Do what is best for your student. When in doubt, talk to your special ed teacher or school psychometrist.

**Middle of Year**

- Assess all students with the STAR Reading Assessment at least one time between **December 3rd and December 21st**.
  - Send home the STAR Reading Parent Letter to all parents to inform them of their child’s reading level by **January 11th**.
- Any student who is below benchmark will need to be on an RSA APP if they aren’t on one already. Meet with parent if possible or hold a phone conference to discuss the RSA APP.
- Continue progress monitoring monthly through the end of the year.

**End of Year**

- Assess all students with the STAR Reading Assessment **May 1st – 17th**.
  - Send home the STAR Early Literacy Parent Letter to all parents to inform them of their child’s reading level by **May 23rd**.
  - Do not begin any RSA APP’s based on Spring Data.