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*Respectful, Responsible & Safe*

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Dear Parents,

Arizona mandates that all third grade students must be reading by the end of third grade. Children with a score in the “falls far below” category on the AzMerit reading test are required to be retained in the third grade according to Arizona law.

It is our goal to assist each child so that all will be reading on or above grade level by the end of the year. Interventions we use in the classroom include small group instruction, buddy reading with other students, individual assistance as needed, and small pull-out groups. We also utilize Accelerated Reader, Leveled Library, and Waterford. After school tutoring “Move on When Reading” is available as well. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center can also be accessed for afterschool assistance and summer school. Each teacher uses strategies unique to her classroom to further help students achieve in reading.

It would be very helpful if you would encourage your child to read at home. Independent reading outside of school is valuable for academic success. Please take the time to read to or with your child each day.

You may call or visit with your child’s teacher regarding student progress throughout the year. We welcome your assistance and suggestions which will lead to your child’s academic success.

Thank you for your support of your child’s education and for being a part of the Beaver Dam School Community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leavitt