

PLAINVIEW~OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Child's Name: _____

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Dear Parent,

Your child was administered the Fountas and Pinnell benchmark assessment. This assessment is one instrument which measures your child's reading ability and determines his/her reading level. It is administered three times per year in a one-on-one student-teacher assessment conference. During this 20 minute assessment, your child reads aloud and talks about books. The teacher observes reading behaviors and evaluates comprehension and decoding. Teachers use the information from this assessment to differentiate instruction and set-up flexible groups.

Based on your child's performance, an Instructional Reading Level and an Independent Reading Level is determined. The Instructional Reading Level is the level at which your child can read successfully with the teacher providing guidance. Students are grouped according to this level and the teacher provides targeted skill instruction. The Independent Reading Level is the level at which your child can read successfully by themselves. When selecting books for your child, you should refer to his/her **Independent** Reading Level. When children read at their Independent Reading Level their decoding, fluency and comprehension improves and confidence builds.

Listed below is your child's Independent Level:

Independent Reading Level		
Fall	Winter	Spring

The text gradient used for this assessment ranges from A to Z which is aligned with expectations in grades K through 9. In order to assist you in understanding this reading level, you will see a copy of the text gradient listed on the back of this letter.

Keep in mind, your child's report card will reflect more detailed information about reading and writing skill acquisition beginning with the new trimester report card.

Sincerely,

Jill M. Gierasch
Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Joanne Spindler
Reading Coordinator