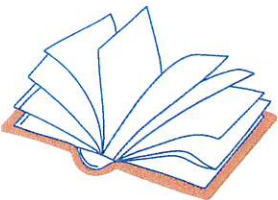# A PARENTS GUIDE TO ACADIENCE

What is Acadience?

Acadience is a Universal Screener that consists of several short tests given to children in order to screen and monitor their progress in learning necessary skills required to become successful readers.

What is a Universal Screener?

A universal screener is an assessment that helps teachers identify students who are at risk for not meeting grade-level learning goals. Universal Screeners are given at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year.

Timed Format

All Acadience measures are timed, with most taking only one minute. The reason for the timing is to find out if a child is able to answer the questions or read the words correctly. Having these basic reading skills at the automatic level allows children to focus on understanding the meaning of what they are reading.

Progress Monitoring

Students progress is measured through Acadience. Progress monitoring is completed roughly every two weeks. The one minute progress monitoring assessment allows your child's teacher to see if your child is positively responding to the interventions they are receiving.

More About Reading

What is reading fluency?

Fluency is the ability to read a text accurately, quickly, and with expression. Reading fluency is important because it provides a bridge between word recognition and comprehension. (Source: Reading Rockets, Fluency)

What is reading accuracy?

Accuracy is the ability to read without errors. It is expressed as the percentage of words read correctly of the words attempted. It also provides the teacher with insight into a student's ability to use strategies to decode unfamiliar words. If students are reading below 95% to 97% accuracy, they are struggling to make meaning from what they are reading.

An example of reading with 80% accuracy.

The Blimbat
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An example of reading with 90% accuracy.

The Circus
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