

August 6, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 is committed to providing a high-quality educational program for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help all students in our school district.

Your child attends Northeast School which receives federal Title I funds. These funds provide help for your child to meet state achievement standards. In the 2009-2010 school year, the school did not meet the adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets. Your child's school is in school improvement which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 2 consecutive years in the same subject and is required to offer public school choice.

Our district's 2010 report card (which will not be available until October) and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. These reports are available at your child's school, at the school district office, and on our website at [www.d124.org](http://www.d124.org).

Your child's school has been identified because the special education subgroup did not make the target of 77% proficient in reading and math. The school is working to improve the school's academic reading program by providing more frequent progress monitoring of students' growth in the area of reading, by providing all staff extra support in understanding the developmental stages of reading, by conducting a thorough review of instructional reading materials used with special education students, and by reviewing the fidelity and integrity of the reading interventions being implemented with special education students.

In the area of math, the school is working to improve the math academic program by implementing math fact fluency into the core math instructional program, by providing a framework for math fact strategies for parents and teachers, and by implementing a new core math program for self-contained special education students. The district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems. Parents will be provided with a copy of the District's Learner Expectations which outlines what students should know and be able to do in each grade level in the areas of language arts, math, and technology. Parents will be encouraged to provide support for their child at home by assisting with homework, reading aloud, and practicing math facts. Special education parents will continue to be involved in the instructional planning for their child through IEP meetings.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. A list of these schools is enclosed along with the Student Transfer Form that you must complete and return to:

Jeff Nightingale, Principal  
Northeast School  
91<sup>st</sup> St. and California  
Evergreen Park, IL 60805

If you choose to send your child to Southwest or Northwest School, Title I services will not be available. If you choose Southeast School, your child will receive Title I services in reading only.

Please call Kathleen Hatczel at (708) 423-0950 Ext. 2121, if you have any questions about these services.

Thank you,

Diane P. Cody, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Enclosures: List of schools and Student Transfer Form