D.I.B.E.L.S.

**(Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)**

**We will start our DIBELS Benchmark testing for the fall session this week. Your child will take the DIBELS test three times a year. (fall, winter and spring)**

*Your child will be given a series of one-minute tests on Letter Naming Fluency (LNF) Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (PSF), Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF) and First Sound Fluency (FSF).*

**LNF:** (Letter Naming Fluency) Students identify lowercase and capital letters of the alphabet. This assessment is given during the fall testing session.

***Fall Benchmark Score: 10 letters***

**FSF:** (First Sound Fluency) Students identify the first sound in a word. This assessment is given during the fall and winter testing sessions.

***Fall Benchmark Score: 10 sounds***

***Winter Benchmark Score: 30 sounds***

**PSF:** (Phoneme Sound Fluency) Students identify the phonemes (sounds) in a word. This assessment is given during the winter and spring testing sessions.

***Winter Benchmark Score: 20 sounds***

***Spring Benchmark Score: 40 sounds***

**NWF:** Students read the sounds/words in nonsense words such as (jiv, fif, bev, bap). This assessment is given during the winter and spring testing sessions.

***Winter Benchmark Grade Level Score needed: 17 sounds***

***Spring Benchmark Score: 27 sounds***

*If students do not meet benchmark scores they will be given diagnostic testing to help us build interventions with explicit instruction related to specifically working on enhancing skills in the areas of need. I will make a personal call to you if your child will be working to meet reading goals in any of these areas. Otherwise, I will go over the results at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.*