



Dear Parents,

Our school has been implementing our new reading series called Benchmark Literacy® which provides our students with leveled books to develop our students' ability to comprehend and respond to increasingly complex text.

Benchmark Literacy® assists with strengthening the following skill areas:

- Comprehension which will focus our students on how to respond to text-dependent questions
- Precisely leveled texts support ongoing progress up the "staircase of complexity."
- Students work with an appropriate balance of informational and literary texts.
- Genre studies focus on informational, opinion, and narrative text.
- Academic vocabulary is developed with multiple exposures to words in a variety of formats
- Reader's Theater scripts engage students in improving their fluency, speaking, and listening

You will find the password noted below to access e-books with audio and digital tools for reading at home with your child, which will help your child to meet higher standards and achieve success. The result is an experience that attracts, motivates, and holds your child's interest while also teaching important skills and concepts. These leveled readers are proven to help students grow academically.

**Username:** = Student ID#

**Password for K-2** = First Initial + Last Initial + OO (ab00)

**Password for 3-5** = Date of Birth – dd/MMM/yy (21oct06)

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office or your child's teacher. For more information on Benchmark Literacy®, please visit the website at <http://www.benchmarkeducation.com/literacy/research.html>

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shawnia C. Smiley