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Dear Families,

During the fall of the 2014-2015 school year, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Office of Early Learning (OEL) will pilot the first phase of a K-3 formative assessment process. The purpose of the pilot is to better understand the formative assessment process in classrooms. The OEL will use feedback and suggestions from those who take part in the pilot to make changes to the process that will make the process better for both teachers and children.

Your child's classroom teacher and school principal have agreed to work with the OEL in this pilot. Through observations, work samples, and questioning, Kindergarten teachers will collect information that shows children's knowledge and understanding in a variety of areas, and will then use that information to plan instruction for children in the classroom. Because families are a valuable source of information, your child's teacher will ask for your help to gather and share information that informs their instruction.

Please find the attached information flyer about the K-3 formative assessment. It provides more detail about this work.

Welcome to Kindergarten and have a great year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Pruette", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John R. Pruette

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