



Dear K-3 Families,

We wanted to reach out and inform you that during the 2023-24 school year, Ohio schools are required to screen all children for dyslexia warning signs in grades K-3. Families (or a teacher with family permission) can request a dyslexia screening in grades 4-6 as well. After the 2023-2024 school year, all Kindergarten students will be screened for dyslexia each year, and screenings for students in grades 1-6 will be done if they are requested by a family (or by a teacher with family permission).

If your child is screened and the school identifies signs of dyslexia, you will receive further communication from the GEMS team. Your child will then be given a more in-depth screener, and their teachers will begin providing additional support in the classroom called “structured literacy instruction.” Regardless, schools will not provide a diagnosis of dyslexia. Diagnosing dyslexia requires testing by a qualified provider such as a neuropsychologist or speech-language pathologist.

GEMS will be screening students during the month of September and results will be sent home or communicated by your students' teacher shortly thereafter. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
The Team at GEMS