



# **Blue Star Elementary School**

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Dear Young 5's Parents,

Rock Star Reading is Blue Star Elementary's team approach to RtI (Response to Intervention). All Young 5's students were DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) tested in early September. Students were screened in the areas of First Sound Fluency and Letter Naming Fluency. The First Sound Fluency assessment asked students to identify the beginning sound in words. The Letter Naming Fluency assessment asked students to name mixed upper and lowercase letters. Both assessments show teachers how well each child is progressing toward becoming an effective reader.

As a team, we have looked at students' scores and have grouped students accordingly. There are 4 Rock Star Reading teams that will be meeting four times a week during our set-aside Rock Star Reading time. During our thirty-minute sessions, students will have the opportunity to work with peers at their ability level on targeted instruction in the areas of hearing sounds, identifying all letters, and decoding words. We are very excited to offer such a comprehensive approach to meeting individual student needs!

We ask that you talk to your child about what they are learning and working on during Rock Star Reading. Our team approach involves you, as a parent, reading with your child at home and supporting our efforts at school.

We as Rock Star Reading coaches thank you.

Mrs. Slagh (Young 5's teacher)  
Mrs. Newhouse (RtI Coordinator)  
Mrs. Heise (Literacy Coach)  
Mrs. Zimmer (Interventionist)  
Mrs. Boeve (Interventionist)  
Mrs. Duimstra (Interventionist)