

# EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVE

## IMPROVING 3RD GRADE READING

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50%

OF UTAH STUDENTS ARE NOT AT GRADE-LEVEL READING BY THE 3RD GRADE



STUDENTS WHO CAN'T READ PROFICIENTLY BY THE END OF 3RD GRADE ARE

4X

MORE LIKELY TO LEAVE SCHOOL WITHOUT A DIPLOMA

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Though we've taken steps to improve early literacy, we must do better.

By following evidence-based practices, we can increase 3rd grade literacy.

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### THE STATEWIDE EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVE WILL:

- 1 Align existing literacy programs toward a common goal.
- 2 Equip teachers and administrators with evidence-based teaching methods.
- 3 Place literacy coaches in the lowest performing schools.
- 4 Provide resources to support parent, family and community efforts.