



Moneta  
Elementary School

Dear Families,

Your child will be given the PALS assessment (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening). We administer this assessment three times during the year (beginning, middle and end). This assessment designates specific literacy benchmarks, which are used to identify students who will benefit from additional small group reading instruction. Our goal is to prevent reading difficulties through early identification and intervention.

You will receive your child's score after testing is completed. The score indicates your child's performance on the PALS spelling and word identification tasks. If your child's score is lower than the benchmark, he or she will receive reading remediation.

We also administer a leveled reading passage, which your child reads aloud and then answers comprehension questions about to determine an instructional reading level. This information is used to differentiate and target instruction to meet your child's needs.

If you have any questions or concerns about PALS testing please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Savannah Thomas  
MNES Reading Specialist