

Ann Visger K-5 Preparatory Academy

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Mr. Joseph Emery, Jr.
Principal

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Dear Ann Visger K-5 Preparatory Academy Parents:

The School District of the City of River Rouge always strives to provide our students with a positive educational experience. The school receives funding from many sources, one of which is Title I, Part A. Title I, Part A is a grant issued by the federal government. As a requirement for receiving funds under this program each school in River Rouge must demonstrate academic success through the annual MEAP tests. The guideline developed by the Michigan Department of Education indicates that each school make "Adequate Yearly progress (AYP)". Ann Visger Pre-K-5 Preparatory Academy met all categories in reading and mathematics. However, the school is in Phase 3 for reading and mathematics because one of its subgroups did not meet the proficiency rate in either subject.

The following key actions are underway to address student achievement and parent involvement:

- *Teachers are developing RTI project based learning interventions to ensure mastery of non-negotiable power standards for grades K-5.*
- *Professional Development – Project Based Learning has been planned for the 2011-2012 school year for the entire teaching staff.*
- *Supplemental Educational Services are offered to students in grades 3-5.*
- *Extended Year Learning Opportunities (i.e., summer program).*
- *Students actively engaged.*
- *The district will be purchasing a new reading series.*
- *Aligning curriculum, teacher assignments, and assessments to standards.*
- *Students will take quarterly assessments. The data from the assessments will be used to adjust the curriculum, lesson plans, and instructional practices.*
- *Thinking Maps are being implemented throughout the school district as a common language in our learning communities for transferring thinking processes, integrating learning and for continuously assessing progress.*
- *Data teams have been established in each school to ensure the collection and analysis of data are used to drive instructional practices to increase student achievement and assess the needs of students, parents, and teachers.*

Parents are encouraged to participate in opportunities to learn about our curriculum, visit classrooms, meet with the principal, join the school improvement team, and assist in making decisions that further benefit their children.

As a result of AYP not met, some students will be provided the opportunity to receive free tutoring services, or be offered a choice to transfer to a surrounding district. The districts that made AYP are Lincoln Park and Melvindale. Students eligible to receive these services must attend Ann Visger K-5 Preparatory and be eligible for free and reduced lunch.

Listed below is a comparison of the report cards for Ann Visger K-5 Preparatory Academy, Melvindale Elementary School and Lincoln Park Elementary Schools;

State/School	Report Card Grade	AYP Status Read	AYP Status Math	Reason AYP Not Met
Ann Visger K-5 Prep Academy	C	Not Met	Not Met	Students with disabilities only – reading and math target not met
Allendale Elementary School- Melvindale	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
Earl Carl Elementary School – Lincoln Park	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
Frank G. Mixer Elementary - Lincoln Park	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
James Foote Elementary School Lincoln Park	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
Keppen Elementary School – Lincoln Park	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
Lafayette School – Lincoln Park	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
Max Paun Elementary School – Lincoln Park	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
Raupp Elementary School – Lincoln Park	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
State	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	

Based on the on the information provided above, you may choose a school using the enclosed transfer form. Transportation to this school will be provided. You must complete this form by September 6, 2011 and return it to S/D of the City of River Rouge, Attention: Dolores Reid, Executive Director, State & Federal Programs, 1460 W. Coolidge, River Rouge, MI 48218 for consideration.

If you decide not to transfer your child and your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, free tutoring may be available for your child. You will receive a separate letter about free tutoring.

To discuss this decision further, please contact me at (313) 297-9648.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure