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School Year

Dear Parents:

If your child does not have a current vision report in his/her health folder, your child will be given a vision screening during this school year.

Before a vision screening is conducted, Illinois law requires written notification that states: "Vision screening is *not a substitute* for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months."

You will be notified if your child failed the screening. If your child passed, this screening should not replace an eye appointment with an eye doctor. Vision screening does not evaluate eye health and important vision skills needed for success in school. Only an examination by an eye doctor can identify eye and vision problems and prescribe treatment.

Since academic learning is 80% visual and vision problems are best detected and treated early, a **comprehensive eye and vision examination is recommended**. Healthy eyes and good vision are essential for success in school.

Please ask your eye doctor to complete the Vision First *Preschool Comprehensive Eye and Vision Examination Report*. A completed Vision First report will assist your child's teacher in providing an excellent educational program for your child and will allow us to maintain the records in your child's health folder. **Please return a copy to our office as soon as possible.**

If you have any questions or if you need further information, please contact us at the number listed below. Thank you for your cooperation in support of our commitment to excellence in education.

Sincerely,

*Preschool Vision Screening Letter for Illinois with
Preschool Comprehensive Eye and Vision Examination Report
and optional Reference Page and/or fact sheet choice*

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