

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Tate B. Castleton, Principal  
Date: February 7, 2022  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** While our doors have remained open and daily school operations have remained consistent during this pandemic, it has not been without its challenges. Since returning from Christmas Break, we have seen a rise in staff and teacher absences due to COVID-19 and other illnesses. We have also experienced a higher-than-normal rate of student absenteeism. Our daily attendance rate has hovered in the 85-percent range in recent weeks, when it's normally in the 90s.

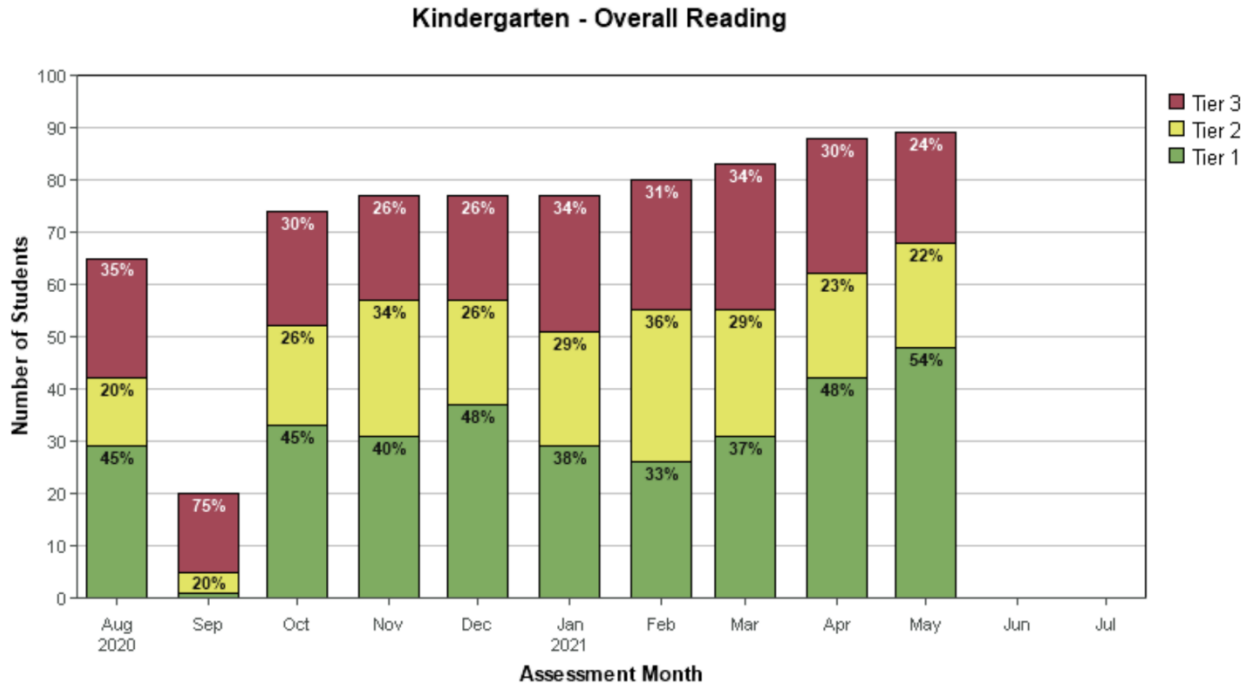
But, despite these challenges, our staff have been amazing. Everyone, including our incredible team of paraprofessionals, have come ready every single day to cover classes, duties, and any other assignment that requires attention. Our students have also shown a high rate of resiliency, as they continue to grow academically. We are excited and encouraged by their progress and we are confident they will continue to do great things here at HES!

**NEW SUPPORT GROUPS AT HES:** Recently a support group, Master It with Mr. C, was created that gives a small group of first and second grade boys a chance to meet with Mr. Castleton each week to discuss important topics, such as how to make positive choices, set and achieve goals, handle conflicts, manage emotions, be a good friend, and advocate for themselves and others. Each group is organized by invitation only and meets with Mr. C for 30 minutes each week.

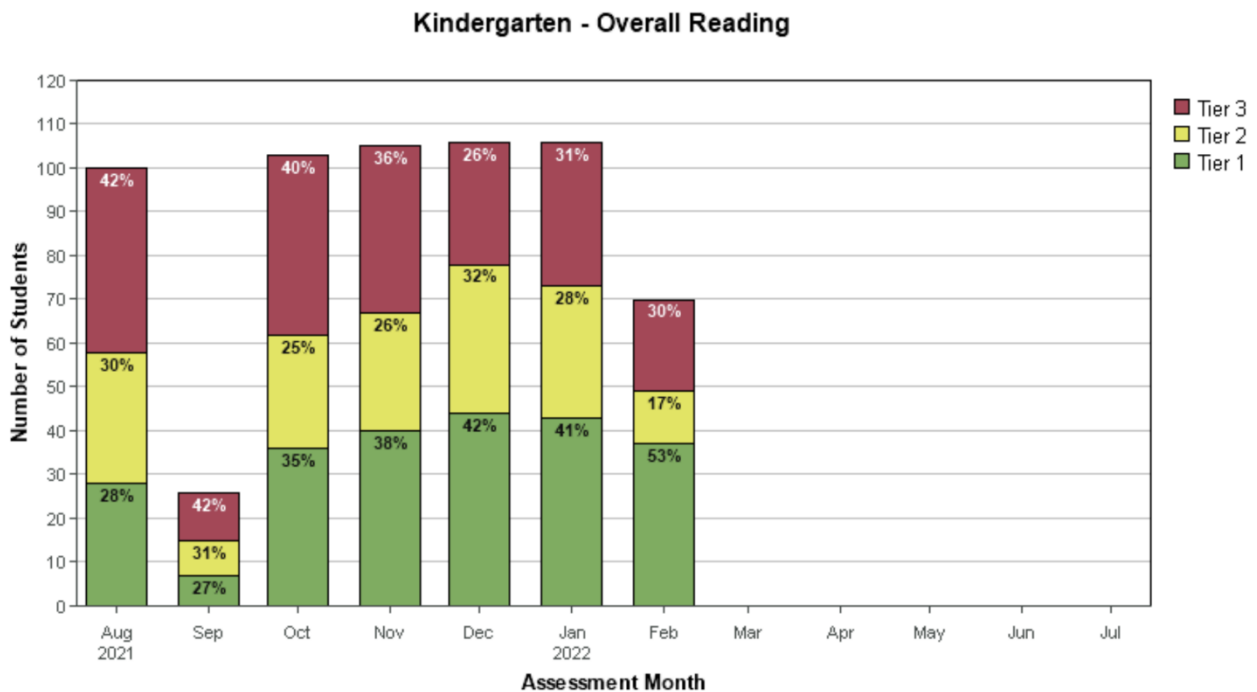
A poster for a support group titled "MASTER IT with MR. C". The poster has a dark blue background with a yellow and black striped border at the top. The title "MASTER IT with MR. C" is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, it says "A Support Group for Boys Grades 1-4" and "BY INVITATION ONLY". The meeting schedule is listed as "EVERY WEDNESDAY" and "TIME TBD", both with a red star icon, and "Mr. C's Office". The start date is "This group will begin on Wednesday, February 2, 2022". A description of the group's purpose is at the bottom. The bottom of the poster features a red carpet with a yellow star, leading up to a white circular stage with a red top.

**ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN UPDATE:** With approximately 111 kindergarten students currently enrolled at Homedale Elementary School, each of our four all-day classrooms is full of activity, energy, students, and learning! Our kindergarten teachers – Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. Larzlier, Ms. Glaser, and Mrs. Endicott – are doing a fantastic job in our transition to the all-day program. We are confident that all day instruction will lead to increases in academic performance and readiness for first grade and beyond.

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**ISIP 2021-2022**





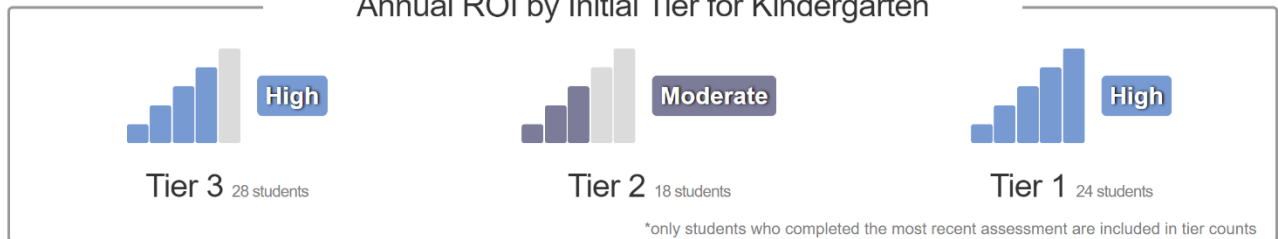
## Rate of Improvement (ROI)

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### ISIP™ Reading results for **Homedale Elementary School**

Homedale Joint School Dist 370 - 2021/2022

#### Annual ROI by Initial Tier for Kindergarten



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### What Do the Ratings Mean?

Irrespective of Tier, a student can be rated with the following:

Rating	Average Annual %-tile Change*	Description
High	Increase by 8+	Students improving faster than expected will have a high rate of improvement, and are greatly exceeding that of their peers.
Moderate	Between an increase of 8 and a decrease of 2	This is the expected rate of improvement. A student with a moderate rate of improvement is keeping pace with their improving peers.
Low	Decrease by 2+	A student who is under performing is rated low. This student is not improving as quickly as their peers.
N/A	N/A	In order to measure ROI, at least three months with a completed assessment are required. Students without this data will have an n/a rating.

\*Theoretical improvement/regression based on a student's trend of change in percentile rank over the year. The rating does not guarantee a student will end the year at a higher/lower percentile rank than they started; rather, the rating measures the average change in percentile rank across the school year.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- February 11      Teacher In-Service
- February 21      NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS DAY
- March 4          Student Support & Enrichment/Teacher In-Service
- March 16-17      Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 21-25      Spring Break