

# THE VIRGINIA SNAPSHOT



## 43%

of children are **NOT READY** for kindergarten in literacy, math, social skills and self-regulation.



**EARLY LITERACY  
MATTERS**



**1 in 4 children** fall below the literacy benchmark.



**Over half of students in K-2** are at high to moderate risk for reading difficulties.



**Third grade is a critical benchmark.** Children through third grade are learning to read, then they are reading to learn.



**The first eight years matter and build a foundation for learning.**



**More Black, Hispanic + English Language Learners** are at higher risk of reading difficulties.



**The continuity of quality must build from year to year, academically and socially, for ALL children.**



**Third graders not reading on grade level are 4 times more likely to DROP OUT OF SCHOOL.**

**ACT NOW!** Early literacy matters for **ALL** children. Children through third grade are learning to read, then they are reading to learn. Together, we can monitor every child's progress, provide intervention for struggling readers + **help every child read by third grade.**

Provided by E3: Elevate Early Education (E3) + The New E3 School raise awareness, advocate + create innovative initiatives to give children equitable access to a quality education for the first eight years.