



# ACADIENCE BENCHMARK TESTING

## READING AND MATH

At Jordan Bank, your child's growth and success are our top priorities. One of the ways we support early learning is by using Acadience Reading and Math Assessments, which help us understand how your child is developing important foundational skills.

Here's what you need to know:

### **What Is Acadience Reading?**

Acadience Reading (formerly known as DIBELS) checks how your child is building early reading skills. These are the building blocks needed to become a strong, confident reader.

#### **What We Assess in Kindergarten:**

- Letter Names – Can your child recognize and name letters?
- First Sounds – Can your child hear and say the first sound in a word?
- Word Sounds – Can your child break words into sounds (like /c/-/a/-/t/)?
- Sounding Out Words – Can your child read simple made-up words like "bop" or "teg"?

These assessments are very short (about 1 minute each) and feel like fun word games!

### **What Is Acadience Math?**

Acadience Math checks early math skills to see how your child is learning important number concepts and problem-solving skills.

#### **What We Assess in Kindergarten:**

- Recognizing Numbers – Can your child name numbers quickly?
- Comparing Quantities – Can your child tell which group has more?
- Counting – Can your child count out loud without mistakes?
- Simple Math – Can your child solve basic addition problems?

Just like reading, these short math checks help us see how your child is growing.

### **When Are These Assessments Given?**

We assess all students three times a year:

- Beginning of Year (Fall)
- Middle of Year (Winter)
- End of Year (Spring)

If a child needs extra help, we may check in more often to track progress.

## Why Do We Use These Assessments?

Acadience assessments help us:

- Identify students who need additional support early on
- Group students for targeted instruction
- Monitor growth throughout the year
- Celebrate areas of strength!

Important Note: These are not tests your child needs to “study” for. They are quick snapshots that help teachers plan the best instruction.

## How Will I Know How My Child Is Doing?

You’ll receive updates from your child’s teacher, and we’ll share your child’s progress at conferences and throughout the year. If additional support is needed, we will work together with you to create a plan that helps your child succeed.

