It is crucial that children learn to read at an early age. New research conducted with Ohio third graders in 2005 shows that students reading proficiently by the end of third grade are five times more successful at achieving college and career readiness as their non-proficient peers. This goes hand-in-hand with previous research that showed 37 percent of Ohio third graders in 2003-2004 not reading proficiently by the end of the school year did not graduate from high school on time.

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Students NOT reading proficiently by the end of third grade are 3x more likely than their proficient peers NOT to graduate on time.