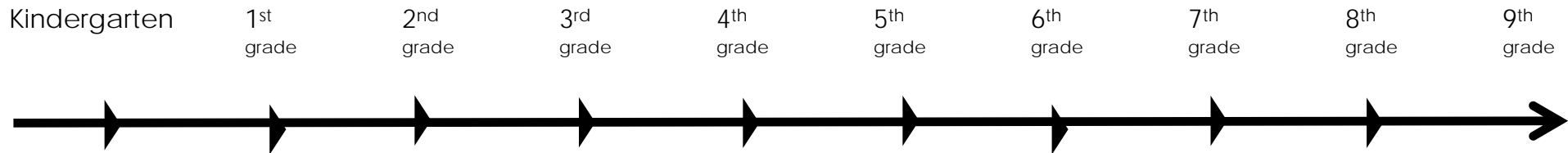


## WE KNOW...

Students who are chronically absent in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are less likely to read proficiently by the time they finish third grade.

By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence becomes an early warning sign that a student may drop out of high school.

By 9<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence is a better indicator that 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores that a student may drop out of high school.



## WE CAN HELP BY ...

### Communicating with our children

- Talk with your child about acceptable and unacceptable behavior and grades.
- Think about situations your child may face and talk about ways to handle these situations before they occur. Ask your child how you can help.

### Being supportive:

- Encourage your child to be active in school by joining clubs or participating in sports.
- Teach them how to ask for help.

### Staying informed:

- Know the school's attendance policy and the time school starts.
- Know your child's friends.