



# *Armada Area Schools*

## ***Orville C. Krause Early Elementary School***

23900 Armada Center Road • Armada, Michigan 48005-2703 • 586.784.2600 • Fax 586.784.9147

Susan P. Curry  
*Principal*

August 15, 2011

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report which provides the key information on the 2010-2011 educational progress for Orville C. Krause Early Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessments, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Mrs. Susan Curry for assistance.

The AER is available for review in the Orville C. Krause Early Elementary School's office.

For 2010-2011, Orville C. Krause Early Elementary School made Adequate Yearly progress in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report the following additional information.

1. Students are assigned to Krause Early Elementary based on their eligibility due to their Armada residency or on an approved application as a School of Choice student.
2. Krause Early Elementary School is currently in Year 3 of a Three Year School Improvement Plan. The three School Improvement goals focus on Reading, Writing, and Math improvement, targeting those areas identified through MEAP data item analysis. Krause Early Elementary is also in the process of identifying and developing improvement plans for the next wave of critical needs, based on the new Core Curriculum Standards adopted by 40 states and scheduled to be implemented in Michigan in the 2011-2012 school year.

continued →

***“Over 100 Years of Caring”***

**NCA** Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

*Equal opportunity employer. Auxiliary services available to individuals with disabilities.  
Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777 (Voice and TDD)*

3. Krause Early Elementary School houses a pre-primary speech program for students ages 2 and a half through five years of age with identified speech and language disorders. This program runs during school hours, is housed in the elementary building, and is under the direction of the Department of Special Services. Krause Elementary also houses tuition based Preschool and Child Care Programs, including Child Care services for students before school starting at 6:00 AM and after school continuing until 6:00 PM. All Child Care givers and preschool staff meet all state licensing requirements and all programs are fully approved by State of Michigan Child Care and preschool Licensing Department. Krause Early Elementary services all school aged children in grades Readiness, Kindergarten, and through Second Grade. Krause Elementary offers five different Kindergarten options including a traditional half day program, a full day program with a certified teacher (tuition based), full day program with half day academically enriched Child Care (tuition based), a full day program with Immersion Mandarin Chinese half day, and a academically based readiness program.
4. Orville C. Krause Early Elementary School curriculum expectations and pacing guides for each grade level are fully based on the state GLCEs (Grade Level Curriculum Expectations). The instructional materials used in delivery of those grade level expectations are scientifically researched and evidenced based for reading and math. All GLCEs may be viewed by going to the Michigan Department of Education website at [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde), going under the "Curriculum and Instruction" heading, clicking on Grade Level Content Expectations, and then selecting the specific content of interest and grade level from the menu options. In addition, copies of the instructional pacing guides for math, reading, writing, and science at each grade level are available at the Krause Early Elementary School office or upon request. All grade levels use the Response to Intervention (RtI) model for reading instruction. Instruction is supplemented with evidence and research based programs in phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Title I support services are available for those students whose DIBELS Next scores indicate that they may not be meeting grade level curriculum expectations in Reading and/or in Math. Supplemental Science and Social Studies supports are imbedded in the reading curriculum and are delivered instructionally through the Harcourt "StoryTown" core reading series and "Read Well" supplemental instruction.
5. Aggregate student achievement is reflected for Krause Early Elementary is measured by and reflected in the third grade MEAP scores for Reading and Math. Armada Area MEAP scores for the 2009-2010 are listed below. Armada scored first out of 21 school districts in Macomb County in Reading for the 2009-2010 school year and scored second out of 21 school districts in Macomb County, missing being tied for first by one point in Mathematics. In addition, as part of the MiBLSi Grant for the last five years (Michigan Initiative for Behavior and Learning Support) all students are assessed using a nationally normed set of reading assessments referred to as DIBELS Next (Dynamic Indicators of basic Early Literacy Skills). DIBELS scores for students remain in the top 3% of nationally normed scores.

### Third Grade MEAP Scores for 2010-2011

Reading	97%
Math	96%
Science	N/A
Social Studies	N/A

6. Parent Teacher Conferences are held in November of every school year. All parents have the opportunity to have a conference with their child's classroom. If a parent is not able to attend the conference teaching staff will set up a telephone conference with the parent at a mutually agreed to time or reschedule the conference for a time that the parent may be able to make it. Student enrollment for the year is almost 400 students. Nearly 98% of the students had at least one parent attending Parent Teacher Conferences in November or had a parent/teacher conference immediately before or after regular conference times. An individual grade level Parent Curriculum Night is also held each fall for each Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade in order to provide parents with a holistic overview of GLCEs and the grade level curriculums. Parent attendance at each of these curriculum nights is usually between 65% and 75%, depending on the specific grade level.

On behalf of the Armada School District we would like to extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to all of the outstanding staff at Orville C. Krause Early Elementary School for their continued commitment to excellence and to doing all that they can to support the emotional and academic growth of each and every child individually. We also would like to reflect our deep appreciation for all of the parent and community support that our students receive. We know that only in partnership, working together for the well being and support of each child can we be successful in helping all of our learners reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

Susan Curry  
Orville C. Krause Early Elementary Principal