

WE KNOW who can read on grade level by 3 rd grade	WE CAN improve attendance and achievement when we
64% of kids with good attendance in K and 1 st grade (missed 9 or fewer days both years)	 Set a regular bed time and morning routine. Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before. Schedule medical appointments after school. Avoid extended trips when school is in session.
(missed more than 9 days both years) 41% of kids chronically absent in K <u>or</u> 1 st grade (missed 18 or more days one year)	 Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent. Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition. Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
of kids chronically absent in in K <u>and</u> 1 st grade (missed 18 or more days both years)	 Get advice from teachers, school counselors or other parents if your child seems anxious about going to school. Complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.