NC Child

GRADE-LEVEL READING — PROFICIENCY

3

WHY THIRD GRADE? It's a pivotal point in children's education where they go from learning to read to reading to learn.

BEGIN AT BIRTH

Literacy begins during the early years



Nearly

85%
of brain growth
happens during
the first three
years of life

and is powered by healthy brain development

A strong foundation for literacy and learning is built by:







Supported and Supportive Families and



High Quality
Early Care
and
Education



Effective Teaching and Learning in K-3

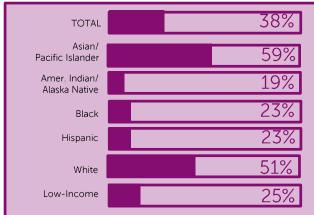
Many children across the state are growing up without resources

 $1_{\text{in}}4_{\text{Kids}}^{\text{NC}}$

lives in poverty



and opportunities that support future reading and learning success



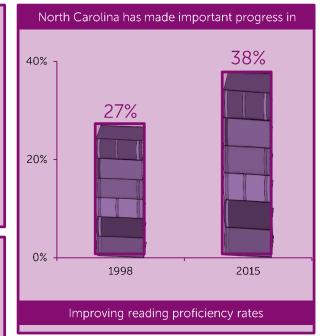
But too few students are reading at grade level and gaps by income, race, and ethnicity persist

For more data and information about the well-being of children across the state, or in your county, visit:

www.ncchild.org/data

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Our Challenge

NC 18th

in the nation for the percent of students reading proficiently. Grade-level reading is achievable. Together, we can improve outcomes for young children and promote their future reading and academic success.