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Hearing Screening Information Letter

Parents & Guardians:

In accordance with Ohio Law, all students entering kindergarten for the first time will receive hearing & vision screening. Citizen Academy will conduct screenings for each kindergarten student in August, September & October.

Why is it important to have your child's hearing screened?

- Hearing is important for speech, language development, reading and learning
- A hearing screening can detect if your child needs further hearing testing.
- Even if your child has passed a hearing screening previously, their hearing can change.
- Hearing problems can be related to medical problems.
- Hearing loss is invisible and child may appear to be not paying attention. Hearing screening will consist of one or more of the following tests:
 - Tympanometry - Screening of middle ear function to determine presence/absence of middle ear fluid and/or wax which could interfere with normal hearing.
 - Audiometry - Screening of hearing acuity.
 - Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) - An objective test that screens for an estimate of hearing sensitivity. If your child passes the hearing screening, you may not be contacted. A hearing screening only provides a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the test was administered and is not a substitute for a complete hearing evaluation by an audiologist. If your child fails either part of the screening, a rescreen and/or referral will be made.

Why is it important to have your child's vision screened?

To identify if your child has vision problems or might be at risk for vision problems. Vision screening will consist of any of the following tests:

1. Observation.
2. Monocular Distance Visual Acuity.
3. Ocular Muscle Balance test.
4. Stereopsis test.
5. Color Deficit test (males only).

A vision screening provides only a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the test was administered and is not a substitute for a complete eye exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

If you do not wish to have your child screened, please send a signed written statement to the effect that you do not wish to have your child screened.

Please direct any questions the school's front office at 216-791-4195.

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