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Dear Families,

Please find attached to this letter a copy of your child's new report card that we will be piloting this year. As you can see, the new report card **reflects end of the year goals** that are specific to content areas. These skills and concepts are aligned to standards.

We revised our report card to improve the specificity of the descriptions so that school and home have the same understanding of what is expected in a particular grade level.

Like the one before it, this is a standards based report card. A report card like this reflects the end of year skills and expectations. As your child progresses towards a standard, you will see that progress reflected on the report card.

3 Goals of this Report Card

1. Ease of understanding

Our goal is to make the descriptions on the report card understandable to you. It will help us as we collaborate with you in regards to your child's growth and development.

2. Consistency

The report cards are consistent among grade levels so you can expect next year's report card to look similar to this year's report card. The report cards will be posted to our website so that you can look at other grade levels.

3. Specificity

How does this precise language help you and your child? It provides for us, as a school community, the exact skills that we hope that all students will master by the end of the year. This framework helps us to see areas of strength and areas of growth over time.

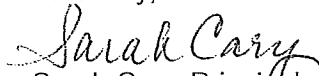
Scoring Numbers and What They Mean

Score	Descriptor	What does it mean?
4	Exceeding the standard	That the student is exceeding the expectation for that skill for that trimester
3	Meeting the standard	That the student is meeting the standard for that skill for that trimester and is on track to meet the end of year goal
2	Progressing toward the standard	That the students is making progress on meeting the standard, but hasn't quite met it yet
1	Not yet	That the student has demonstrated limited progress toward the goal

If you see an "X" for a particular skill, it means that the skill was not accessed in that particular trimester.

We are looking forward to any questions that you may have. Please see below for times that I have put aside next week so that you may drop in and ask questions. Also feel free to call me at your convenience. We are excited about this new report card and we hope that it will assist us in our communication and collaboration with you, our families.

Sincerely,


Sarah Cary, Principal

Attachment