The purpose of the Report Card is to communicate the progress of your child. Combined with parent conferences and examples of student work, the report card enables the school and the home to work together to help your child develop and apply the skills which lead to success and self-confidence.

The report card is sent home at the end of each of the four marking periods.
The student's reading level is reported to parents each marking period except the first marking period in first grade. The following performance levels are used to report this information to parents:

3 — Above Grade Level
Your child fluently reads and understands a variety of above grade level materials. When reading, he/she uses many advanced reading skills and strategies. He/she has learned vocabulary words at a rate that exceeds grade level expectations.

2 — On Grade Level
Your child fluently reads and understands a variety of on grade level materials. When reading, he/she regularly uses several reading skills and strategies. He/she has learned vocabulary words at a rate that meets grade level expectations.

1 — Below Grade Level
At this time your child reads and understands a variety of below grade level materials with some fluency. He/she is provided with additional instructional support and time to help develop and increase sight vocabulary, fluency and understanding.

In all content areas, a variety of assessments will be used to determine your child’s progress. Some include: observations, checklists, projects, and assessments.

CD, PR, EM, and ND
These grading codes are used in all areas on the Grade 1 Report Card. For grades 2–5, they are used when evaluating Art, Music, Physical Education, and Expected Student Behaviors.

CD—Consistently Demonstrates Skill
87–100%
Your child exhibits the skills/behaviors independently with minimal teacher support.

PR—Progressing in the Development of Skill
73–86%
Your child exhibits the skills/behaviors with teacher guidance and support.

EM—Emerging in the Development of Skill
60–72%
Your child exhibits the skill/behaviors with consistent teacher assistance and support.

ND—Needs Development
Below 60%
Your child exhibits the skills/behaviors in isolated or rare instances, or with a great deal of support. The performance is inconsistent and below the normal range of expectancy for a student at this grade level.

Letter Grades—for grades 2–5, only
Letter grades are not given for students in grade 1.

A — Excellent (90–100%)
B — Good (80–89%)
C — Average (70–79%)
D — Below Average (60–69%)
E — Unsatisfactory (Below 60%)
Subject Areas

Academics

Reading

Comprehends Informational Text
Your child is evaluated on his/her ability to:

• Identify and support main ideas with text based details
• When appropriate use multiple texts to comprehend and write
• Explain events, procedures, ideas and concepts in nonfiction text
• Use story structure elements to comprehend text

Comprehends Literary Text
Your child is evaluated on his/her ability to:

• When appropriate, recount and summarize stories and events
• Describe events, characters and settings to understand theme, lesson and moral of stories
• Identify the differences between genres
• Understand the point of view of stories

Comprehends Information and Literary Text:
Your child is evaluated on his/her ability to:

• Read fluently, accurately and with expression
• Decode words using phonics strategies
• Use new vocabulary and sight words accurately
• Make evidence based predictions
• Generate evidence based responses
• Practice monitoring strategies when appropriate
• Ask and answer evidence based questions
• Read and comprehend grade level text (various genres) independently and proficiently
• Use information from text, illustrations and media to comprehend and write (multiple text when appropriate)

Writing

Communicates effectively
Your child is evaluated on how effectively he/she uses the writing process. This includes brainstorming and narrowing topics, planning and organizing ideas, using word choices effectively, and using a variety of sentence types/structures. His/her writing should keep a reader’s attention and reflect the writer’s personality and message.

Applies writing conventions
Your child is evaluated on his/her use of grammar, punctuation, spelling, and handwriting. His/her writing should be correct, neat, and understandable.

Mathematics

Understands and applies concepts and computation
Your child is evaluated on his/her understanding of whole numbers, fractions, decimals, algebraic concepts, geometry, measurement, statistics, graphing, and probability. He/she will use a variety of methods to solve problems including estimating, pencil and paper, and mental computation.

Understands and applies problem solving
Your child is evaluated on the ability to use the problem-solving model and problem-solving strategies for different types of problems.

Science

Your child is evaluated on the knowledge, understanding, and the ability to use the skills and processes of science in the study of earth/space science, life science, chemistry, physics, and environmental science. Your child is evaluated on how well he/she understands, interprets, and uses the scientific method. Your child will gather and question data from many different forms of scientific investigations.

Social Studies

Your child is evaluated on the knowledge, understanding, and the ability to use the skills and processes of social studies in the study of political science, peoples of the nations and worlds, geography, economics, history. He/she is evaluated on how well he/she understands, interprets, and manipulates the tools for social studies including maps & globes, charts & graphs, primary source documents, artifacts, technology resources and secondary sources.
Art, Music, and Physical Education

Your child is evaluated on documented assessments at least three times during a marking period. In each program area, report cards will indicate:

• CD — Consistently Demonstrates Skill,
• PR — Progressing in the Development of Skill,
• EM — Emerging in the Development of Skill, and
• ND — Needs Development.

General Music (all students)

General music students are evaluated on a variety of skills including listening to music, singing and playing instruments, reading standard notation, moving to music, creating and composing, improvising, analyzing, and evaluating music composition and performance.

Chorus, Band, and Strings (Grades 3–5 only)

Chorus (grades 4–5), Band (grades 4–5), and Strings (grades 3–5) students are evaluated by the same criteria as students in general music. Students in these classes will also be evaluated on the ability to perform with expression to the cues of a conductor.

Art

Art students are evaluated on a variety of skills and processes including drawing, painting, printmaking, crafts, and sculpture. Skills and techniques are introduced sequentially in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional experiences. Art concepts such as line, shape, form, texture, and color are themes that are explored in lessons.

Physical Education

Physical education students are evaluated on a variety of skills and processes from the following instructional themes: basic movement, dance and rhythms, manipulative, ball handling, and fitness.

Subject Areas

Cultural Arts

Expected Student Behaviors

Expected student behaviors are an important link to academic achievement and provide clear guidance for expectations of all students. Students are evaluated on several specific behaviors in the following categories:

• Respect for Myself
• Respect for Others
• Respect for Learning
• Respect for Property

In each program area, report cards will indicate:

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