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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tumwater School District issues report cards two times per year. The intent of the report card is to inform you of the progress your child is making and to help you better identify any area where your child may need additional support. **Learning is a journey. Students learn and grow at different rates.**

Tumwater School District has developed report cards based on the Common Core Standards for each Grade Level. The elementary schools use Standards-Based Grading as our way of reporting progress. The standards identified on the report card are goals for students to reach grade level mastery by the end of the year.

Our report card accomplishes the following:

- Provides a clear message to families about which skills and concepts students know and are able to demonstrate independently and which skills still require some level of teacher support
- Helps teachers and students focus on end-of-year expectations from the very beginning of the year, giving students direct learning targets
- Aligns instruction, assessments and grading directly to common core standards
- Creates a higher level of consistency and continuity in assessing among teachers and across grade levels

Performance Descriptors

4 = Student has exceeded the grade-level expectations taught for that standard

3 = Student has reached or mastered grade-level expectations taught for that standard

2 = Student is working towards proficiency toward (Approaching) the grade-level standard

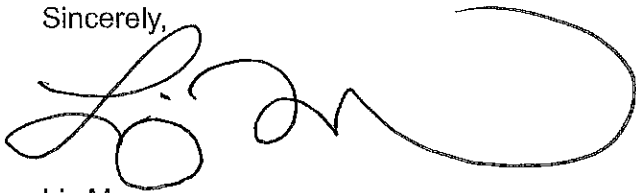
1 = Student does not yet meet the grade-level standard

Standards-based report cards are not about failing and passing. The 2's show that a child is working towards proficiency. A score of 2 in the 1st semester is NOT a negative reflection of your child's learning ability. A score of 2 on many of the standards would be expected throughout the year for most students until they can independently demonstrate mastery of the end-of-year targets.

A 3 shows that a student has reached or mastered grade-level expectations on a specific standard. The standards-based report card measures how well an individual child is doing in relation to end of the year grade-level standards.

Level 4 may be the trickiest to understand. A 4 indicates performance that exceeds grade-level expectations taught for a specific standard and that the child has a much deeper understanding of the standard, the ability to apply that knowledge, make connections, and extend learning beyond the targeted goal.

Sincerely,

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Liz Masunaga
East Olympia Principal