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Dear District 200 Families,

At the elementary level, we have reached the end of the 2nd trimester and that means that it is time for report cards! This year, we have introduced a number of changes to the elementary report cards including:

1. Using trimesters instead of quarters,
2. Reducing the number of indicators that are graded per subject, and
3. Rating students using the Illinois Learning Standards instead of letter grades.

All of these adjustments have created a clear and accurate way to provide you with information on the academic progress of your child. The report card indicators are directly aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards, so that we can be sure that your child is receiving a rigorous education. For each trimester, literacy and mathematics teachers use specific rubrics to provide student ratings. Each trimester, the rigor of the rubrics increases, with the indicators in Trimester 3 mirroring the end of year expectations found in the Illinois Learning Standards. This is an objective process that allows students to achieve success over the course of each trimester and the whole school year. Please visit the District 200 website [www.woodstockschoools.org] for more information on the standards-based report cards and the literacy and mathematics rubrics.

Dual Language students' report cards will include an additional section for Language Acquisition. Please note that there is a separate scale for this section. The information reported will reflect the student's progress in the language(s) he/she is working to acquire: English and/or Spanish. No language acquisition information is included on the Monolingual Program report cards.

Our goal for the updated report card is to provide families with an objective update on each child's progress. The Illinois Learning Standards and the report card rubrics guide the learning experiences that we create for your child, so I encourage you to review those documents and to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. We are committed to working with you to provide a world class education for all of the students in District 200.

Kind regards,

Dana Smith, Ed.D.