

A WORD ABOUT PROGRESS REPORTS...



Dear Parent(s),

As progress reports go home today, I would like to send you a few words of explanation. Our progress report was designed to give you an indication of your child's growing skills and maturity. I am always concerned when putting progress reports in writing that parents or children will try to determine the progress of a child's academic career in the future. This report is meant to be a continuation of the ongoing communication we will have this year about your child. It will change as your child grows and changes.

I also ask you not to make comparisons of your child's report card with that of your other children or children in the neighborhood. I have seen many children and parent hurt by unfavorable comparisons and negative feedback. Parents should be given information about their child's work, but children's self-awareness and self-esteem should not be threatened if they are experiencing difficulty of some sort. Children who are experiencing difficulty in some areas need encouragement.

Sincerely,

Childhood Should Be A Journey Not A Race