

Dear Parents,

Your son or daughter's report card for the first nine weeks of school will now be available online at the RenWeb website. Please take a few moments to read the following information and become familiar with the first grade report card.

First of all, not every item is evaluated every time on the report card. **If an item is not marked, it will be evaluated at a later date.**

Second, the **number key (1*-3)** is used throughout the entire report card. For each item, your child will receive a 1*, 1, 2, or 3 based on his or her progress in class.

- **1* -- Extends: The student consistently meets and exceeds the standard. The student grasps, applies, and extends the key concepts, processes, and skills for the grade level.**
 - Very few first graders will receive 1*s on their report cards, especially at the beginning of the year. The 1 rating is reserved for those who consistently demonstrate above average work for a first grader.
- **1 -- Meets: The student consistently meets the standard with limited errors. The student grasps and applies the key concepts, processes, and skills for the grade level.**
 - Many first graders will receive 1s on their report cards. A rating of 1 means that your child is exactly where a typical first grader is at this point in the school year. Be happy! Praise your child and rejoice over the progress he or she is making!
- **2 -- Progressing: The student is progressing and occasionally meets the standard. The student is beginning to grasp and apply the key concepts, processes, and skills for the grade level.**
 - Several first graders will receive some 2s on their progress reports. This is not a bad thing or a cause for alarm. In fact, it is quite common--especially at the beginning of the year. Most likely, your child is a step or two behind the average first grader and needs a little extra help or practice to close the gap.
 - If your child is continuing to make progress at his or her own pace, be encouraged! We all learn and develop at different rates and if your child is moving forward, he or she is headed in the right direction.
- **3 -- Below: The student is not meeting the standard. The student seldom grasps and applies the key concepts, processes, and skills for the grade level.**
 - Some 1st graders will receive 3s on their progress reports because they are experiencing difficulty with certain concepts or skills.
 - There is a good chance that your child is *already* receiving some additional support at home or school. If not, this is the perfect opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about specific ways to help your child succeed at school.

We hope this information helps you as you work with, encourage, and support your child at home. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions or comments.

Thank you,
First Grade Teachers