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Dear Parents,

Report cards are accessible after 4:00 on Skyward today, reporting progress in the second marking period for students in Grades 1-5.

Just as a reminder our report card is a *standards-based report card*, which means we have expectations of what students should know and be able to do at the end of each marking period at each grade level based on our district's curriculum, the Common Core Standards, and New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards. Students are graded against a standard, not each other. **The language we use** (4 = Exceeds standards, 3 = Achieves standards, 2 = Sometimes meets standards, 1 = Performs below standards) **is meant to convey how your child is doing compared to the grade level standard for that skill at that time of year.** If your child achieved a "3" in a particular area the first marking period and achieved a "3" again this marking period, it does not mean that growth didn't occur. It means that as the goals and skills have changed, your child continues to achieve the standard and has demonstrated growth at the expected pace.

Please keep in mind that the report card is just one component of our grade reporting system. Teachers communicate with parents in many other ways (e.g. phone calls, email, conferences, homework, etc.) Should you have any questions about your child's report card, of course you may contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and your child's learning.

Sincerely,

Jean Schoenlank  
Principal