

THE TOP FIVE

Points for Parents

***STANDARDS ARE** statements that provide a clear description of what students should know and be able to do. Standards are aligned in each content area, nationally, at the state and district level.

***STANDARDS keep our teaching focused and accountable for the academic performance of all students.** The standards-based report card gives feedback about student results when curriculum and instruction, assessment and reporting are aligned.

***Experienced teachers developed the REPORT CARD FORMAT.** Input from parent and teacher focus groups in the pilot schools guided our revisions. The **PARENT INFORMATION FOLDERS** give an **OVERVIEW** of curriculum in each content area for every grade level.

***EACH TRIMESTER,** parents will receive information about their child's...

1) Overall GROWTH (teacher judgment) in each content area. Review how this is marked.

2) PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING the components of the standard that were taught during that trimester. Review the meaning of 1-4.

Indicate the meaning of * for Sp Ed, ESL, TAG: Look for an addendum to explain actual work for the student.

Blank space indicates that the specific performance indicator was not covered during the current trimester.

3) Characteristics of Successful Learners

4) Interventions and Extensions

***PROCESS:** One Parent Information Folder stays at home as a parent guide for major content taught throughout the year. A second folder will come home at the trimester to be signed and returned. This folder will contain the classroom report, as well as reports from Art, Music and PE; ESL, TAG, Special Ed, ILP etc. if it applies to the specific child.