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Dear Parents:

As we head into the home stretch of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester at Stratton School, most of you have had the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss growth and progress in meeting classroom standards. In the coming weeks, report cards will be sent home and it is important that you understand the basic concept of standards-based grading; learning is a journey, not a destination as we strive to continue to grow as learners.

For some parents, this system of grading and assessment using 1's, 2's, 3's, and 4's is different and, at times, difficult to understand. Students are first assessed on where they start, and the growth is measured by demonstrating what they know, based on content area standards, reflecting verbally and/or in writing on their learning, then setting targets for new learning.

The staff calls this learning a curriculum continuum. In a perfect world, students will follow this curriculum based on their knowledge and abilities, and less on their age and/or grade level where we meet each student where they are, striving to move forward with their learning.

Please take notice of the narratives that accompany the numeric grades on the report cards. These are a valuable component of assessment and reporting, and should provide an understanding of where students are with meeting these standards. When you have questions, ask your child to answer them, and contact the teachers. We all want students to improve and have a better understanding of what they are learning.

Finishing up, there are a couple of administrative notes to remind parents of:

- Students eating breakfast at school need to arrive early enough (the school opens at 7:45 AM) to have adequate time to eat
- Proper footwear and coats are essential for staying warm during outside recess

Thank you for assisting your child with these important parts of the school day. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Barry O. London  
Principal