How do I earn my report card grades?

**Reading**

* Understands words and builds vocabulary through word structure, sentence structure, and context
  + Vocabulary definitions on spelling tests
  + Context Clues quizzes
  + Analyzing Language on Reading for Application and Instruction Test (RAI)
* Comprehends fiction text
  + Fiction tests during the trimester
  + Fiction section on the RAI
* Comprehends non-fiction text
  + Non-fiction tests during the trimester
  + Washington Studies Weekly or Time for Kids
  + Toolkit Tests
  + Non-fiction section on the RAI
* Demonstrates understanding of literary elements and devices
  + Story element tests
  + Book reports
  + RAI – analyzing character, sequence, main idea
* Uses features of non-fiction text to locate and synthesize information
  + Toolkit activities in our reading curriculum
  + Ability to use charts to record information such as the FQR chart
* Reads accurately and fluently at grade level
  + Reading out loud as a whole class or in novel groups
  + DIBELS in Fall, Winter, and Spring
* Demonstrates effort
  + Effort on reading entries/minutes, book reports, and in class

**Writing**

I take a look at all your writing pieces for the trimester and see where you score the most often in each of the six main writing traits:

* Content/Ideas: on topic with elaborating details
* Organization: introduction, transitions, paragraphs, conclusion
* Voice: providing reader with a sense of the person behind the words
* Word choice: using appropriate and engaging vocabulary
* Sentence Fluency: using sentences that vary in length and structure
* Conventions: punctuation, indentation, capitalization
* Spelling
  + Spelling Tests and spelling on classroom assignments
* Demonstrates effort
  + Do you give what is expected or strive to be the best writer you can be?

**Math**

* Number Sense: estimating, rounding, place value, computation (+&-)
  + Trimester 1: Topics 1, 2
* Fluently and accurately uses multiplication and division facts
  + All Trimesters: Quizzes and Fast Facts; Trimester 1: Topics 3, 4
* Applies concepts of multi-digit multiplication (2x2 and 2x3 digits)
  + Trimester 2: Topic 7
* Applies concepts of fractions, decimals and mixed numbers
  + Trimester 2: Topics 10, 12, 13 ~ Trimester 3: Topic 11
* Applies concepts in measurement (time, standard and metric unit conversions, and area)
  + Trimester 3: Topics 14, 16
* Applies concepts in probability and statistics, including data and graphs
  + Trimester 3 concept: Topics 17, 20
* Reasons, problem solves and communicates ideas
  + Writing to Explain questions on homework and tests
  + MSP practice exercises
  + Ability to communicate during problem solving in class
* Demonstrates effort
  + Do you always try to reach your potential? Enrichment or Mind Twisters?

**Science**

* Understands scientific concepts
  + Science tests and answering questions in class
* Records scientific observations and data accurately
  + Science journal responses – are they complete and make sense?
* Demonstrates understanding of investigative process
  + Scientific process tests and Science fair project
* Demonstrates effort
  + Do you go above and beyond during investigations or in your journal?

**Social Studies**

* History: understands how historical events and social change impact people, culture, events and ideas
  + Classwork and tests – Trimester 2
* Economics: understands basic concepts of economics such as trade, exchange, goods, services, production, distribution, supply and demand
  + Classwork and tests – Trimester 3
* Civics: understands and demonstrates principles of democracy: individual, community, and state
  + Classwork and tests – Trimester 3
* Geography: understands and demonstrates knowledge of geographic elements: maps, charts, locations, physical features
  + Classwork and tests – Trimester 1
* Demonstrates effort
  + Are you actively engaged in class discussions or go above and beyond on assignments?

**Health**

* Demonstrates skills and knowledge to reduce health risks and safely maintain a healthy life
  + We will learn about Nutrition during Trimester 3

**Art**

* Creates, performs and responds effectively through art
  + Since I don’t teach art as a subject, all students receive a 3 for completing art projects.
* Demonstrates effort
  + Do you spend extra time and add intricate detail to your projects?

**WORK HABITS AND CITIZENSHIP**

* Follows school and classroom rules
  + Raises hand to speak and follows Character Counts
* Participates in activities and works cooperatively
  + Works well in groups and station work
* Listens attentively
  + Teacher doesn’t have to repeat instructions for you more than once
* Uses time wisely and completes classwork on time
  + Do you focus during class time to make progress on your assignments?
* Completes homework on time
  + Do you stay off the late board and remember to turn homework in?
* Demonstrates organizational skills
  + Binder and desk are organized