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