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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

P.S. 69 Grading Policy

Last year, our School Leadership Team, with the support of our teachers, reviewed and made changes to our Grading Policy to reflect a more consistent, equitable, and transparent manner to communicate student progress and what our students have learned. We have refined the criteria and have agreed on the following policy which is consistent across all the grades and subjects. We have three marking periods generally ending in November, March, and June; the last marking period grade is also the final grade for the year. Below are the grades as they appear on the report card.

Level	Domain	Description
4	Excels	<i>Excels means that a student not only meets grade level standards but, consistently demonstrates progress towards meeting the next grade standards.</i>
3+	Meets	<i>Meets means that a student consistently performs at grade level standards</i>
3	Meets	<i>Meets means that a student consistently performs at grade level standards</i>
3-	Meets	<i>Meets means that a student consistently performs at grade level standards</i>
2+	Approaches	<i>Approaching means that a student inconsistently performs at grade level standards.</i>
2	Approaches	<i>Approaching means that a student inconsistently performs at grade level standards.</i>
2-	Approaches	<i>Approaching means that a student inconsistently performs at grade level standards.</i>
1	Below	<i>Below means that a student consistently performs one or more levels below grade standards.</i>

Reading and Writing assessments are graded according to a 4, 3, 2, 1 rubric. We also give tests which are converted according to the following scale:

Test Grade	Conversion
95 – 100	4
87 - 94	3+
78 – 86	3
70 – 77	3-
64 – 69	2+
57 – 63	2
50 – 56	2-
49 and below	1

Above and beyond grades given for tests, class assignments, homework, and participation are also graded. While the quality of classwork and homework are often consistent with overall performance, sometimes they are not and this can have an impact on a child's grades. On the reverse, please see specifics for your child's grade.

Sincerely,

Nicole Ciorciari
Principal

Below are the components that make up the overall grades for **Kindergarten**:

Reading

Reading Level/Comprehension	35%
Assessments	35%
Classwork	20%
Homework	10%

Writing

Assessments	50%
Classwork	40%
Homework	10%

Math

Classwork	40%
Discussion	20%
Chapter tests	20%
<i>Mid Chapter Checkpoint</i>	10%
Homework	10%

Science

Classwork	70%
Participation in Discussion	30%

Social Studies

Discussions	40%
Classwork	30%
Projects	20%
Homework	10%

Music

Demonstrates an understanding of arts content and concepts

*1 or 2 dictations 25%

*1 or 2 writing examples either composed or transcribed 25%

Creates, performs, responds to and reflects upon arts and making art

*1 or 2 songs or song excerpts performed on xylophone or recorder 25%

*1 or 2 songs or song excerpts sung using hand signs and/or solfege 25%

Physical Education

Participates in physical activities (games, sports, exercises) that provide conditioning for each fitness area - 45%

Demonstrates care, consideration, and respect of self and others during physical activity - 45%

Knows that resources available at home and in the community offer opportunities to participate in and enjoy a variety of physical activities in their leisure time - 10%

Technology

Computer Skills: identifying/using keys on keyboard and mouse use: 30%

Navigating Computer: accessing programs/internet and navigating program/internet. 40%

*Projects/Assignments - 30%

Art

Creates, performs, responds, and reflects upon art and making art

- Demonstrates practicing of the skills taught - 30%
- Demonstrates control of the medium used - 10%
- Completes art piece in a timely manner - 20%
- Presents their work in a group and explains their art piece -15%

Demonstrates understanding of arts content and concepts - 25%

- Explains (orally or in writing) what is expected to meet the standards
- Uses vocabulary taught in proper context
- Able to talk about the artist's work, including style, technique, events in the artist's lifetime

Homework Policy

In the event of an absence the children are given the same number of days as they missed to make up the homework. Ex: If a child is absent 2 days they are expected to make up all missing homework within 2 days of their return.