

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade Parent/Guardians,

The first semester report card for Grades K-2 will be published to the Genesis Parent Portal on Wednesday, February 20th. We encourage families to log-in to the Genesis Parent Portal prior to report cards being posted to confirm your account access. The Genesis Online Help Desk is available if you need it. <http://tinyurl.com/geneshelpdesk>.

An email will be sent to families when report cards are visible on the Genesis Parent Portal along with directions to access the report card. Schools will not print report cards for families with Genesis Parent Portal Access. Only families who subscribe to paper copies of the Friday Folder will receive a printed report card.

There are several important features of the report card that we wish to highlight in this letter. First, the grading scale continues to reflect an early childhood, developmental philosophy. This philosophy of learning recognizes that young children progress from an emergent stage toward independence in various curriculum topics. In addition, these topics are based on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

On the report card there is an indicator for "Reading Level Range" in the Reading section. The South Brunswick Schools use a book leveling system to help teachers make choices for reading instruction in grades K-5. The gradient of books, labeled A through Z, places books on a continuum from easier to more difficult. Children read within a range of levels as they pass through each grade and most will fall between two or three levels at any point in time. A book level is an approximation of its difficulty and within each level there is variation. The book difficulty may vary depending on factors such as sentence complexity, content and genre. Kindergarten through second grade students typically read books between levels A and M. Teachers assess reading levels using running records, which is aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The goal of instruction is not just to move students up the levels but also to expand their experiences with different types of texts and a range of content, authors, formats and genres.

Your child's grades are assigned by the teacher providing the instruction. Different subject areas may be taught by different teachers, so several teachers may have provided grades for this report card. If you have a question about a particular grade on this report, please contact your child's teacher.

Report cards are one important way that our schools work to keep parents informed of their children's progress. Our hope is that this report card will give you a clear understanding of your child's progress for the current marking period.

Sincerely,

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