

September 22, 2011

Re: Clarification about Grading and Portfolios

Dear Parents / Legal Guardians,

As a follow-up to the email sent this weekend regarding Powerschool log-ins and portfolios, there are some clarifications I wanted to make.

You will be receiving a log-in for Powerschool in order to check your child's lunch account and attendance. However, because we are keeping portfolios, there will be no assignments or grades recorded in the gradebook section. All of the K - 2 teachers have been sending home newsletters and various communication regarding what is being covered in class and will alert you if they see any problems or issues. You will also be receiving daily work so that you can stay up-to-date with what your child is doing in the classroom and their performance. Assessments and some projects will be kept by the teacher to go into the portfolio. At the first parent conference in October, your child's teacher will share the portfolio with you and you will be able to see very clearly how your child is doing in all areas. We are going to be scheduling a time in the middle of the year for portfolio sharing as well.. You are also welcome to make an appointment to view your child's portfolio or to meet with your child's teacher at any time.

As a clarification, you will not be receiving a report card at the end of the quarter for your child in Kindergarten, First or Second grade. Again, the portfolio will take the place of the report card. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the information above or would like to come in and see your child's portfolio, please do not hesitate to call or stop in. Thank you for your continued support!

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