

February 8, 2021

Dear Union #28 Families,

Strong partnerships with our families have always been essential to our students' success. As a team, we are so grateful for your support during this difficult year. We are also thankful for our teachers' dedication to our students and school communities. Report cards will be sent to families on Friday, February 12.

Providing a quality education to every student is our highest priority. "Grading" students' progress during a global pandemic is a complicated endeavor (philosophically and otherwise). However, we are aware that households want to know how their students are progressing academically during these unusual times.

Three guiding principles were used in the process to assess where students are in their learning journey right now:

- Health and social-emotional wellbeing of students
- Access to grade-level instruction and essential content to promote critical thinking
- Student engagement in varied learning experiences to build knowledge and subject-specific skills/vocabulary

This year's report card is only a small snapshot into the complicated learning journey that our students and educators have been experiencing. If you have questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide our children with a strong learning environment in the midst of a pandemic.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Culkeen, Superintendent
Prudence Marsh, Director of Student Support Services
Lisa Candito, Principal, Erving Elementary School
Annie Foley Ruiz, Principal, Leverett Elementary School
Jackie Mendonsa, Principal, Shutesbury Elementary School
Kelley Sullivan, Principal, Swift River School

Grade-Level Standards for Families

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts sets standards for what students will learn in school each year. Click on the links to become familiar with your student's grade level standards.

Preschool Standards	Grade 3 Standards
Kindergarten Standards	Grade 4 Standards
Grade 1 Standards	Grade 5 Standards
Grade 2 Standards	Grade 6 Standards