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Dear Parents and Guardians of Prairie Ridge Elementary School Students:

I'm happy to tell you about a new feature on the District's report card for elementary students. The change may appear to be minor but it should provide you better insight into your student's overall progress in each class.

As has been the case in the past, elementary report cards include two scores. The first score is a traditional *letter grade* reflecting overall student achievement in each core subject. The second score is a *number grade* reflecting your student's progress on targeted learner outcomes. These outcomes appear as *Learner Expectations* on the report card, and it is this grading process that has been improved.

The change is simple. In the past, teachers graded *Learner Expectations* based on the student's progress on mastery of the target outcomes by the end of the school year. In the new, enhanced format, teachers grade student mastery of targets for the trimester. This change is meant to help parents and teachers know, more precisely, how the student is progressing during each grading period.

The revised report card stems from national curriculum standards adopted by the Colorado State Board of Education in 2010. The new standards ensure that all Colorado Pre-K-12 schools have aligned academic content across the state.

Additional information about the enhanced elementary report card is available on the District and School home pages. You can also obtain more information on this topic at the Parent Update meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM on January 11, 2012.

Sincerely,

Kirsten McNeill
Principal
Prairie Ridge Elementary