



PAPER MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know, schooling our children has been different since the COVID 19 pandemic started last March. We ended last year fully remote, started this school year fully remote, and carefully worked into the hybrid phase. We have found ourselves with some ground to make up considering where we left off last year and the summer break from school. Knowing this, we did want to start the year off with a solid base for all students so that they will make progress towards completing the standards at their grade level. For that reason, we have spent some time reviewing material that they may have missed last year and rejuvenating what your children had previously learned. Due to all of these circumstances, we have not covered all the standards that we would have liked to in the first trimester. Therefore, we will only be grading what standards we have covered. We are mapping out the rest of the standards to be covered throughout the remaining trimesters.

Google Classroom assignments completed remotely require students to apply the skills that they learn through Google Meet with the teacher. Students who attend school in the hybrid model will also learn new skills and concepts in the classroom; they are responsible for completing assignments in class and at home during remote weeks. Google Classroom assigns grades with a numerical number; at the elementary level, WPS teachers assign report card grades using the following designations:

- M = Consistently and independently demonstrates mastery in the grade level standard.
- P = Progressing toward consistent and independent mastery in the grade level standard.
- S = Some progress toward mastery in the grade level standard.
- N = Not yet demonstrating progress toward mastery in the grade level standard.

Teachers will continue to grade using letter designations on the report card. These evaluations are based upon the work completed that demonstrates your child's proficiency on each standard. Please note that at Paper Mill the hybrid students will not receive an Art grade for Trimester 1. I have hired a new teacher and hope to have her in place for the new year.

Grades close on December 9th and report cards will be available through your parent portal on December 16th for the first trimester. The parent portal on PowerSchool needs to be set up by you. The letter that has the access code you need was sent in a letter to all parents in September. If you do have that access code call the office and we will reprint it and send it home in the green home/school communication folder.

If you have a portal account for an older sibling, the accounts need to be linked. This information is on the website at <https://sites.google.com/schoolsofwestfield.org/powerschool-parentguardian-inf/home%20%20>

Grades K-4	Trimester 1 (57 days)	Trimester 2 (57 days)	Trimester 3 (56 days)
Trimester Begins	9/14/2020 Monday	12/10/2020 Thursday	3/19/2021 Friday

Marks Close	12/9/2020 Wednesday	3/18/2021 Thursday	6/11/2021 Friday
Report Card Electronically Distributed	12/16/2020 Wednesday	3/24/2021 Wednesday	6/15/2021 Tuesday

We appreciate your understanding and patience through these unprecedented times. If you have questions about your child's grades please reach out to the classroom teacher.

Sincerely,



Ms. Melanie Chasse