

First Grade Assessment and Grading Practices

The First Grade team is committed to creating equal assessments and assessment opportunities for all First Graders. In efforts in doing so, we will all have common summative assessments. These summative assessments will all include a grading rubric. This will provide you a breakdown and explanation of how your child received their grade. The teacher will mark on the rubric which area their grade is in, as well as what questions they have missed. These rubrics should help clarify many questions you may have about where your child stands, and the what grade they received.

Learning Progression

| B/ 1 | P/ 2 | M/ 3 | E/ 4 |
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| A students performing below grade level standard for the standard being assessed. | A student progressing towards meeting first grade level standard being assessed. | A student meeting the first grade level expectations and benchmark for the standard being assessed. | A student exceeding the standard being assessed and first grade level expectations and benchmarks. |

- 1. What determines a level 3 and level 4 questions?**
 - A level 3 question is meeting the standards
 - A level 4 question is independently applying the learned skill, or using critical thinking to answer the question. Level 4 questions are not a part of the instruction or the standard.
- 2. How do I know if my assessment has a level 4 question embedded?**
 - All assessments will include a rubric to explain how the assessment was graded. This will explain what classifies as a 3 or 4.
 - The 4 question will be marked as the "Exceeds Question" or with an "E."
- 3. What is a quality example of a level 4 question?**
 - An example of a number sense level 4 question is "Explain a time you use skip counting in real life."
- 4. What is the frequency of assessments?**
 - Word study assessments will be assessed weekly on Fridays. These will take place after a full week of instruction.
 - Formative assessments will be given throughout units. This will assess progress and understanding throughout that unit.
 - Summative assessments will be given at the end of each unit. All summative assessments will include a rubric to explain the breakdown of grading.
- 5. Will parents be notified when assessments will occur?**
 - Summative assessment dates will be included in our weekly updates.
- 6. Are weekly word study assessments being sent home on a weekly basis?**
 - Word study assessments will be sent home the week after they are assessed.
- 7. How do I access my child's assessment to determine deficiencies?**

- Assessments will be sent home after the assessment is graded. Please see rubric as a guide for each assessment. Areas of need will be circled or marked on the assessment.
- 8. How frequent are grades being updated on ParentVue?**
- Every two weeks teacher will upload grades into ParentVue. These grades will reflect what was assessed within that time period.

PBL Assessments/Performance Based Assessments

1. How are project based learning experiences assessed?
 - Project Based Learning experiences will be graded based off a rubric. These may include multiple subject areas, and multiple different grading points. The rubric will be sent home after the PBL experience is completed and graded.
2. Are rubrics being provided to parents for when students are being assessed with a Project Based Assessment?
 - The rubric will be sent home after the PBL/ PBA experience is completed and graded.
3. Are standards being explained to parents within the Project Based Assessment?
 - The standards will be attached to all rubrics and summative assessments.
4. Do all Project Based Learning experiences have a rubric?
 - Yes, all PBLs will have a rubric.
5. Do our classrooms include traditional and nontraditional grading tools?
 - Yes, we include a wide variety of assessments and grading tools. These include observational grades, formatives, summatives, and project based assessments.