

Talking with your child about report cards

Report cards can bring feelings of joy, excitement and pride; it can also bring feeling of concern and frustration. This is a time to look at past performance and plan for the future.

Here are some points for reviewing report cards with your child:

First, always focus and acknowledge the positive; show enthusiasm about the good.

Ask your child these questions:

How do you feel about these grades?

What are you most proud of?

Are there any disappointments here for you?

What is one goal you have for next time?

Deal with low marks in a caring and calm manner.

Help your child come up with an improvement plan for low marks.

Praise the efforts for the student's hard work, even if they fall short.

Support your child's efforts.

Establish goals and reward improvement, not grades.

Finally, talk with your child about the importance of school and that grades are earned. Together with your child, help your child set realistic and attainable goals for the next reporting period. Let your child know that hard work and good effort are what's valued most.

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