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Dear Stormonth Families,

Stormonth Elementary uses “Standards Based Grading/Reporting.” Our grading/reporting reflect a progression of learning throughout the year. The report card identifies key *end* of year grade level academic and behavioral goals and communicates how successfully students meet trimester expectations leading to end of year mastery. It is important to note that because the report cards report out on *end* of year targets, you may see your child receive a “Beginning” or “Developing” grade mark in trimester 1 or 2, on route to a “Secure” or “Exceeds” for the end of year.

This is typical and considered “normal” because the teachers are communicating progress toward mastery that isn’t expected until the end of the year. You will see many standards that are not graded at this time, but are shown on the report card so that you are able to see the learning trajectory for your child(ren). Previously, the grade marks included Minimum, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced. The updated grade marks include **Beginning, Developing, Secure, and Exceeds**. Here is what those grade marks mean:

Beginning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Limited understanding● Needs teacher assistance
Developing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Growing understanding● At times needs teacher assistance
Secure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Consistent and independent mastery
Exceeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Independent performance above grade level

Please note the section for Work Habits will be marked as **E (Exceptional), S (Satisfactory), or N (Needs Improvement)**.

The report cards for K4 students include the following grade marks:

Beginning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Limited understanding● Needs teacher assistance
Progressing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Growing understanding● At times needs teacher assistance
Secure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Consistent and independent mastery

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.
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