



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS
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Dear Parents,

The Archdiocese of Miami has been in the process of reviewing curriculum, assessment, and progress reporting. One component of this process, the ADOM report cards have been reviewed by teachers and principals. Consensus was reached and the decision was made to adjust the ADOM report card.

In order to match the developmental needs of the students, four new report cards have been created. They are Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten through Second Grade, Third Grade through Fifth Grade, and Sixth Grade through Eighth Grade.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten through Second Grade

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten through Second Grade will not receive a percentage grade. The student will be evaluated on a Performance Scale with 4 as the exceeding expectations level and 1 as emerging skills level. The scale is:

- 4 Exceeding grade level standards
- 3 Proficient in meeting grade level standards
- 2 Development in meeting grade level standards
- 1 Emerging in the development of grade level standards

The goal is for every student to reach a level 3 to be a proficient learner in grade level standards by the end of the school year.

The standards (under each subject) and Active Learner will be measured by:

- + Area of strength
- S Satisfactory performance
- Area of weakness
- NA Not assessed this quarter

Grades Three through Five and Grades Six through Eight

Grades Three through Eight will receive a percentage grade. The grading scale is:

A	100-90
B	89-80
C	79-70
D	69-60
F	59

Students will receive a percentage grade in all subjects, both core subjects (Religion, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies) and enrichment subjects (Art, Music, Physical Education, and World Language).

The standards (under each subject) and Active Learner will be measured by:

+	Area of strength
S	Satisfactory performance
-	Area of weakness
NA	Not assessed this quarter

Homework

Homework is to be used so that the teacher can create instruction that will meet every child's level. Therefore, homework will be evaluated as an Active Learner Trait. The purpose of homework will be used as one form of formative assessment:

- To determine the student's prior knowledge
- To reinforce skills taught

If further clarification is necessary, please ask your child's teacher first, then the principal.

Wishing everyone a successful 2014-15 school year.

Sincerely,



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