**Information for Parents about Report Cards and Grading**

Grading Rubric

1 Not meeting expectations independently

**2 Making progress** but **not consistently meeting** expectations independently

**3 Consistently meeting** expectations independently

**4 Consistently exceeding** expectations independently

The above rubric is used for all behavior and subject grades. It is important to understand that a grade of 4 is rarely used, because generally most students will not always exceed expectations

independently. A 3 should be considered to be grade that is a top mark for the majority of students because a 3 shows that a child is meeting grade level expectations independently on a consistent basis. It is highly probable that a student could score a 4 on their independent reading level (see the rubric below) and still score a 3 on the overall reading grade because the classroom performance consistently *meets* expectations, rather than consistently *exceeds* them*.*

**Behavior grades** typically will not exceed a 3 because teachers have high expectations for students. It would be highly unlikely to exceed grade level expectations for behaviors such as participating appropriately, being respectful, and listening for information.

Keep in mind that science and social studies lessons are typically done together as a class, so

participation in activities, discussions, and following along in science journals has a large impact on grades.

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| **Independent Reading Level Rubric for 3rd Grade** |
|  Grade |   | Fall | Winter | Spring  |
| 1 | Not meeting standard | 21 & below | 21 & below | 22 & below |
| 2 | Approaching standard | 22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
| 3 | Met Standard | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 4 | Exceeding standard | 24 & above | 25 & above | 26 & above |
| Your child’s level is determined during an individual reading assessment with the teacher. The independent reading level is found when a child reads with a 95% accuracy (no more than 5% of errors) and with 100% comprehension. This level does not reflect in-class performance; however it does show your child’s reading ability and behaviors on brief passages. The overall reading grade represents your child’s performance on class work, quizzes, unit tests, and Reading Contracts. |
| Reading Level Expectations for 3rd Grade**23** = 3rd grade(beg.) **24** = 3rd grade(mid.) **25** = 3rd grade(end) |