## A Guide to the Merrimack School District K-6 Trimester Report Card

The goal of the Merrimack School District Report Card is to communicate with parents/guardians and students regarding the achievement of specific standards based learning goals. It identifies students' levels of progress, relevant to those goals, areas of strengths, and areas where additional time and effort may be needed.

## **Important Terms and Included Documents**

<u>Standards Based Reporting:</u> The sharing of student achievement and progress based on content standards. Standards Based Reporting identifies the concepts and skills in each learning area based on the standards.

<u>Reporting Standards</u>: These are the standards that are marked under each subject area.

Each grade level report card has "Reporting Standards" for each subject area. These overarching standards are comprised of many smaller standards that children are taught over the course of the school year and are reported on for each trimester.

Merrimack School District Guide for Families: This document names the individual standards that make up each of the Reporting Standards. This guide outlines the various standards that fall under each of the Reporting Standards. Your child's teacher will report out on the overall progress made toward the trimester expectations of the standards. These documents are grade-level specific and outline the end of the grade-level standards.

<u>Parent's Guide- Characteristics of a Successful Learner: The SEL Portion of the Standards Based Report Card:</u> This guide gives an overview of the Characteristics of a Successful Learner portion of the report card.

<u>Performance Indicators:</u> Identifies level of progress made toward each reporting standard based on the expectations for that trimester.

Beginning	The student is beginning to make progress toward
	meeting the expectations for this trimester.
Developing	The student is progressing toward meeting the expectations for this trimester.
Meeting	The student is meeting the expectations for this trimester.

<u>Comments:</u> These are written to address specific information relevant to the Reporting Standards.

Please contact your child's teacher with any questions.