



## THE FAMILY TREE

### **It's Report Card Time! Raising Your Voice Won't Raise Your Child's Grades!**

Take a few minutes to read these important tips to handling the stress of report card time. IF there is a problem at school understanding is the most important grade for parents and students alike. Keep these tips in mind while working together at report card time.

#### **Tips for Parents:**

- **Sit down** with your child and look over the report card
- **Praise your child.** Find at least one good thing about the report card...attendance, no tardiness, conduct, etc.
- **Be calm.** Let your child tell you about his/her grades.
- **Ask** how you can help your child do better.
- **Make a plan** with your child's teacher. Ask for advice on other places in your community that can help
- **If you have questions or need help,** please contact your child's teacher, guidance counselor or principal.

#### **Tips for Students:**

- **Think positively.** You are a special person. Be proud of what you were able to do; work to improve areas you think can be better.
- **Make a plan.** How do I improve areas that I think are weak?
- **Ask for help...**it's okay. Your teachers, other student and parents can assist you.
- **Try your best.** That's the most important ingredient to success.

#### **Help your child develop good study habits.**

- Make a regular study time each night in your home.
- Provide the necessary supplies and make sure they are kept together just for homework. Nothing is more distracting than hunting for a pen or having your sisters use up your notebook.
- Take an active role in supervising homework and asking about assignments. Remember there is a big difference between 'supervising' and 'doing'. If your child is having trouble, do not hesitate to offer guidance, but make sure she or he has learned the material.