

THE FAMILY TREE

PROVIDING SOLUTIONS. PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE.

It's Report Card Time!

**Raising your voice won't raise
your child's grades!**



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Understanding is the most important grade.

But, taking a few minutes to read these important tips is a step in the right direction. If there is a problem at school, understanding is the most important grade for parents and students alike. Keep these 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 students and parents can assist you.
- **Try your best.** That's the most important ingredient to success.

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