

It's your turn to
make a difference.

Tips for Report Card Time

There are no perfect children. Children make mistakes just like adults. You can't expect a great report card every time.

Here are some tips to help your child succeed:

- Sit down with your child and look over the report card.
- Praise your child. Find at least one positive thing to say. Children respond to praise and encouragement. They need your support to succeed. Under no circumstances should the report card result in physical punishment. Taking away privileges or extra chores (depending on the circumstances) are better alternatives.
- Be calm. If your child's grades have taken a turn for the worse, ask open-ended questions to find out why, "Tell me about..." "Why do you think?..." A sudden change in academic performance can be a sign that something is troubling your child.
- Ask how you can help your child do better.
- Ask what your child can do to make better grades.
- Make a plan of action. Work together with your child and the teacher. Meet with his or her teachers. Work together to encourage your child's progress. Ask each day about homework, about one new thing they learned today, etc.

Remember, understanding is the most important lesson at report card time.



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