

Understanding your child's

REPORT CARD

For 4-Year Old
Kindergarten (4K)

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- Descriptors of what your child will learn during Semester 2



Semester 2

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Understanding your Child's Report Card

This report card is based on the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. These standards specify developmental expectations for children from birth through entrance to first grade. Also important in measuring your child's growth is our belief that children are individuals who develop at various rates. We believe young children exhibit a range of skills and competencies and that all learning domains (social/emotional development, health and physical development, cognition and general knowledge, approaches to learning and language development and communication) are interrelated. We use the state standards, observations and assessments to promote child development, to set appropriate expectations for individuals and to communicate with families.

We are privileged to provide experiences where your child learns through play and is given time to develop at his/her own pace. If ever you have any questions feel free to contact your child's teacher. Working closely with families increases student success and we recognize that you are the most important teacher in your child's life.

The purpose of the report card is to communicate your child's performance in relation to the district benchmarks. Families can use this information to team with teachers in order to support their child's learning. Please note that the report card has both the Semester 1 *I can statements* and the Semester 2 *I can statements* listed. At this time, we are only reporting out on the Semester 1 skills. The Semester 1 skills are the ones with grades listed behind them. The Semester 2 skills are the ones with two gray boxes to the right. Once we report out on Semester 2, at the end of the school year, grades will appear in the second column behind the Semester 2 *I can statements*.

Home/School Communications

We welcome your partnership in helping your child achieve success in school. Building this partnership is important to us and we are committed to two-way communication. Listed below are some of the intentional communications we built into our system. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.



Parent Outreach

4K parent outreach activities are intended to develop and promote partnerships between families and schools and to support families in their role as the primary educators of their children. Parents are valued core partners in the educational process. Families have both the right and the responsibility to share in decisions about their child's education and development. Activities can focus on a variety of topics that are supportive to families. Activities focus on academic development, social emotional development, health and safety, connections to community resources and activities that strengthen relationships with school district personnel/initiatives.

Ways we Intentionally Communicate



- Ready, Set, Go Conferences
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Learning Journals
- Parent & Teacher notes, phone calls, emails
- Classroom newsletter
- District/school Facebook
- District school calendar
- Report Cards
- District/school website

Get Involved

There are many ways to support your child's learning journey. Listed below are just a few.

- Volunteer in your child's classroom or school.
- Attend Ready, Set, Go conferences.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Attend parent outreach events.
- Join the Parent Teacher Organization.
- Complete family projects with your child.
- Have regular conversations with your child about completed work brought home.
- Use the information in this pamphlet to guide conversations about what your child is learning in school.
- Contact your child's teachers with questions or concerns



Academic Measures

Your child will be assessed through formal and informal assessments as well as observation. Information gathered during these times will be used in a rubric to determine whether your child is meeting, working toward or working below the standard.

3 - MEETING STANDARD

If a student receives a 3, this means that they are meeting the semester benchmark. The student consistently demonstrates the skills and/or understands concepts at a level that meets expectations for this reporting period.

2 - APPROACHING STANDARD

If a student receives a 2, this means that they are on their way to meeting the semester benchmark, just not quite meeting it at this time. The student sometimes demonstrates the skill and/or partially understands the concepts and meets some expectations for this reporting period.

1 - BELOW STANDARD

If a student receives a 1, this means that they are not yet meeting the semester benchmark that has been set. The student seldom demonstrates the skills and/or understands the concepts for this reporting period and requires extended time, support and/or practice.

What Should My Child Be Able to Do to Meet Expectations during this Semester?

Health and Physical Development

I can take care of myself at school by myself.

- Independently wash hands, use the toilet, wipe nose, dress, clean up snack, care for personal belongings, etc.

I can use my body safely in the classroom by myself.

- Demonstrates safe behaviors with reminders:
 - walking feet, hands to self, sitting, dancing, tool/toy safety

I can move my body in many ways by myself.

- Participates in gross motor activities independently

I can hold my writing tool the right way by myself.

- Static Tripod Grasp (Fingers not moving w/writing tool) or Dynamic Tripod Grasp (Fingers move with writing tool)

I can cut curves with scissors with my thumb up and use my helping hand to turn the paper.

- Cuts curves with a scissors, thumb up and uses the helping hand to turn the paper.

I can color inside the lines and fill the space with color by myself.

- Colors in the lines and fill in the white space.

I can draw a picture of a 6 part person by myself.

- Draws a six part person with increasing detail. (head, body, arms, legs, eyes, mouth, plus...)



Approaches to Learning

I can be curious, flexible and willing to try new things.

- Is curious, flexible and willing to try new and unfamiliar experiences.

I can focus my attention for most of the time.

- Attends for longer periods of time.

I can finish my work and keep trying when things are hard.

- Continues to work on tasks even when encountering difficulties.

Social and Emotional Development

I can show my feelings to others in a nice way.

- Expresses feelings appropriately.

I can care about other people's feelings.

- Responds appropriately to other people's feelings.

I can follow the rules at school by myself.

- Remembers and follows rules independently.

I can play with my friends.

- Engages in cooperative play and successfully enters and exits a variety of play situations.

I can share and take turns by myself.

- Shares and takes turns independently.

I can take care of the things in the classroom by myself.

- Uses materials in appropriate ways independently.

I can fix problems with my friends by myself.

- Independently uses a variety of solutions to resolve conflict.



Language Development and Communication

I can tell others what I need and want.

- Approaches adults and peers to express needs and wants independently.

I can listen and talk with others.

- Responds to others in a series of exchanges.

I can follow 3 or more directions.

- Follows increasingly complex directions.

I can recognize 8 rhyming words.

- Recognizes 8 rhyming words.

I can make 8 beginning sounds.

- Makes 8 beginning sounds.

I can name 24 uppercase letters.

- Recognizes 24 or more uppercase letters.

I can name 17 lowercase letters.

- Recognizes 17 or more lowercase letters.

I can make 14 letter sounds.

- Makes 14 or more letter sounds.

I can point to words, pictures and the front and back covers of a book.

- Identifies front cover, back cover, pictures and words.

I can write all of the letters in my name.

- Writes all of the letters in their first name.

I can write 8 letters.

- Writes 8/26 letters (uppercase or lowercase; reversals and incorrect formation are okay.)



Cognitive and General Knowledge Development

I can count to 10.

- Counts aloud to 10.

I can count 10 objects.

- Arranges and counts objects from a group 1-10.

I can name groups of 1- 6 dots without having to count them one by one.

- Names quantities to 6 instantly.

I can read numerals to 10.

- Names all numerals to 10.

I can sort objects with by myself.

- Sorts objects by color without a model.

I can compare sets to 10 and tell which group has more, has less if they are the same.

- Compares sets to 10 and labels more, less and same.

I can match sets and numerals to 10.

- Matches sets and numerals to 10.

I can name a circle, triangle, square and rectangle.

- Names correctly to all 4 shapes.

I can name all possible combinations to make 4.

- Names all combinations to make 4.

I can create an ABAB pattern.

- Creates ABAB pattern.

