



# GEIGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Geiger Families,

We are so excited for you to come to school to meet with teachers for our Parent-Teacher conferences next Monday and Tuesday. If you have not yet scheduled your appointment please call the office or schedule your appointment online at [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Geiger\\_Elementary\\_School](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Geiger_Elementary_School). These conferences are a great time for parents to connect with teachers to discuss your child's progress both academically and socially. It is also a great time for parents to share the strengths of your children outside of school. You know your child best and what has worked for them as learners. This is a partnership and we want to work together for the success of your child.

As many of you know, Lewiston is working with a Proficiency Based model of teaching, learning and reporting. This is not new to our families in Grades K to 5. However, the report cards and progress reports will look a little different because we are using a new software to enter evidence of learning. We have copied a sample report card on the back of this letter. Teachers will be able to share with you the standards that will be reported out on for your child in their grade level. Students are scored against end of year expectations. We believe that all students learn at a different rate and we acknowledge that students need different levels of support. We want to give students the time they need to reach their grade level expectations.

At this point in the school year we have not yet taught all first trimester standards. Much of the time at the beginning of the school year is spent on setting expectations, building relationships with classmates and finding out more about your students as learners and classmates. By the end of Trimester 1, all first Trimester standards will be taught and reported on. These standards will be reflected in the report card that goes out in the beginning of December.

At any point if you want to know how your child is doing, please reach out to their classroom teacher. We will continue to work with parents to gain a better understanding of proficiency based learning throughout the year. We welcome questions from parents at any time!

Again, we look forward to seeing you next Monday and Tuesday. Our teachers at Geiger are amazing and you are so lucky to have your child in their classrooms. They are experts at what they do and can't wait to share with you how your child is performing in their classroom!

Sincerely,

Cindy Gish  
Principal

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