



ROSMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Transylvania County Schools

Hello Rosman Elementary Parents and Families,

The Transylvania County School Board has recently approved changes to grading practices of Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade students. I wanted to share information with you about these changes and how this information affects your child.

All teachers at Rosman Elementary teach standards provided by the state of North Carolina. These standards can be viewed here <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/curriculum/>. Previously, students in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade received grades of 1, 2, 3, or 4 for each standard on their progress reports and report cards. 1 was the lowest mark a student could receive and 4 was the highest. With the new school board policy on grading, these grades have changed. Teachers will now assign students the following grades as students work on and progress with standards:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>
M	Mastery
P	Proficient
G	Progressing
S	Struggling

Through this new grading process a student could start learning a concept (be at a struggling level) and by the end of the quarter receive a grade of G (Progressing), P (Proficient) or M (Mastery). For example, a standard that all kindergarten students learn is:

Count to 100 by ones and by tens (Standard K.CC.1)

If a child comes to kindergarten not being a successful counter, but by the end of the third quarter can count to 100 by ones, he/she could receive a mark of Proficient (P), or Mastery (M) on the third quarter report card.

With this grading scale, a student has an opportunity to grow over the course of a nine-week period or even the whole school year. The staff at Rosman Elementary School wants to continue working with you to help your student be the best he/she can be and wants to continue our partnership in your child's education.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me (862-4431 or sstrickler@tcsnc.org) or your child's teacher.

Thank you for all you do!

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