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Introduction

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The teachers at Shelby-Tennant Community School currently report pupil progress through the use of a report card, parent-teacher conferences, phone conversations, letters, and permanent records for the students' cumulative folders.

Report cards are sent home to the parents four times during the school year and parent-teacher conferences are held following the first and third quarter. Phone calls and letters are used as needed.

A report card refers to a formal written statement of a student's progress. The report card used for the kindergarten students at Shelby-Tennant Community School is located in Appendix A. It is left to the teacher to determine when to grade each item and the criteria for assigning grades. Letter grades on the report card are: S - satisfactory, I - improving, N - needs improving, and U - unsatisfactory. The items the teacher is not ready to grade the children on are left blank. The music and art grades are given by their respective teachers. The physical education instructor provides the grade for throws and catches.

Based on the grades reported on the report card, the teacher determines a quarter grade and semester grade for reading, math, language, conduct, and work study. The music, art, and

physical education instructors provide quarter and semester grades for their respective areas. These grades are recorded on the students' permanent files and cumulative folders.

Factors Affecting Reporting Pupil Progress to Parents of Kindergarten Students

The answers to four questions were sought by reviewing the research and literature available on this topic. What are the educational responsibilities in reporting pupil progress? What does the research tell us about the methods of reporting pupil progress? What do we need to consider when reviewing and changing reporting methods? What is recommended at the kindergarten level?

Educational Responsibilities

The types of reports a teacher shares with the students' parents and the content of the reports are dependent on the philosophy of the teacher and the school (NEA, 1974). When determining policies and procedures for reporting pupil progress, educators must consider carefully

what is to be evaluated and if it is possible to appraise it fairly (Sartore, 1975).

"A grading system is simply a communication device which is implemented to perform specified functions" (Williams & Miller, 1973, p. 334). Grades can serve as a summary of student performance, a predictor of future student performance, a record of progress toward an objective such as a degree or award, or an indicator of the effectiveness of the educational system.

The three basic reasons for reporting pupil progress are to inform pupils of their progress, to provide pupil guidance, and to inform parents. An effective reporting procedure should meet the needs of all three areas (Giannangelo, 1975). Two educational responsibilities which educators must consider when reporting pupil progress are their responsibility to parents and their responsibility to the students. Parents have a right to receive meaningful and honest reports concerning what the school is teaching and how well their child is learning. Schools have a responsibility to help

students develop to their maximum potential, both academically and personally (Wise & Newman, 1975).

Student records help educators know as much about each student as possible (Feddersen, 1972). Educators should develop a log of each student's daily work activities, develop student evaluation checklists which list skills accomplished and those yet to be mastered, and help students learn to participate in evaluating their own work (Sartore, 1975). By allowing student input in the assessment process there is a greater chance of establishing a commitment on the part of the student. This commitment may improve student achievement (Leary, 1975).

Student records should tell us something meaningful about the child, monitor his growing understanding of the curriculum, assist us in extending the child's learning, and communicate to the child and his parents what progress he has made. They should also be positive and free of jargon. Student records should provide a basis for the teacher's behavior toward the child and they should be meaningful to a receiving teacher

(Waterland, 1987). School records should also be standardized for all teachers in the system and they should be subjected to periodic review, preferably in co-operation with parents (Yauch, 1961).

Yauch (1961) pointed out the importance of looking at achievement, effort, attitude, and growth in terms of potential when assessing students. Educators should provide an environment conducive to observation of applied learning over a period of time through student exposure to a wide range of learning materials, approaches, and settings. Educators should also notify parents frequently about what their child is doing that benefits his or her personal and class growth (Sartore, 1975). Fedderson (1972) stressed the importance of sharing more with parents than just their child's progress. He advocates providing parents with information on the type of program, what will occur in the classroom, classroom experiences, information about the child such as the activities he likes/does not like, advice

which may be of assistance, and the goals and objectives for the child.

Methods of Reporting Pupil Progress

Reporting pupil progress should involve the use of numerous methods of collecting data, analyzing the information, and bringing it together to give a realistic picture of the child (NAEYC, 1988). The reporting aspect of the grading procedure involves summarizing the student's progress in some kind of report format.

There are three factors upon which grades can be based. They are: the percent of knowledge and/or skills achieved by the student, the teacher's prediction of the student's potential, and the student's possession of specified attitudes or behavioral characteristics (Williams & Miller, 1973).

The methods of reporting pupil progress can be grouped into two major types: coded and narrative. Coded, or "abbreviated summary systems" include systems based on a five category scale (i.e., A, B, C, D, F), and percentage or numerical ratings, listed, graphed, or charted.

Narrative or "extended summary systems" include checklists, written evaluations, conferences, and profiles (Walling, 1975, Williams & Miller, 1973; Wise & Newman, 1975).

Each type of reporting method has its advantages and disadvantages. Letter grades and percentage or numerical ratings are considered easy and convenient to use, easy to interpret, motivating for some students, and they serve as a fairly good predictor of future success in school.

Traditional letter grades have not been looked upon very kindly by the literature. They have been accused of causing discipline problems and straining the child-teacher relationship. A major problem with letter grades is that they are often misinterpreted within schools and among teachers. They often convey different meanings for the students, parents, and teachers. Letter grades are usually based on a combination of achievement, effort, and conduct giving a blurred picture of the students' abilities and weaknesses. They may result in unfair competition among students and contribute to cheating. They

influence the students' confidence and level of expectation, causing stress and a poor self concept for some students. Letter grades and percentage ratings often overlook the area of creativity. They tend to result in the students looking to the outside for guidance and judgment rather than becoming decision makers concerning their own work and efforts. Letter grades may influence the students to be more interested in the grades rather than in the acquisition of knowledge. Letter grades and ratings may also be biased by students' sex (Frisbie, 1976; Kunder, 1977; Sartore, 1975; Tingey, 1986). Longstreet (1975) recommended the use of mastery grading, contract grading, and self-assigned grades to help alleviate some of the problems caused by letter grades.

Checklists consist of a list of behavioral objectives, character traits, progressive performance steps, or some other evaluative criteria. They provide a detailed list of the students' strengths and weaknesses and the objectives list provides an indication of what the

students will learn during the year. Their emphasis is on what the student can do. Checklists can also assist the school in pinpointing weaknesses in the instructional program. The major disadvantage of checklists is that they can be time-consuming. They can become simplistic and rigid or long and petty. The use of checklists necessitates revisions as the instructional objectives change. Checklists can be confusing for parents if they do not understand the objectives. They are also a problem to maintain as permanent records (Kunder, 1977; Walling, 1975; Williams & Miller, 1973; Wise & Newman, 1975). Frisbie (1976) recommends a checklist he calls Expanded Reporting Forms. They classify the instructional objectives by subject matter areas and are shared with the parents during parent-teacher conferences.

Computer Assisted Reporting to Parents (CARP) is one type of written evaluation. Another is letters to parents. CARP provides an anecdotal report of the child's school progress. The teacher chooses from a list of possible

descriptors those which pertain to a student, and the computer prints up the report (Giannangelo, 1975; Giannangelo & Lee, 1974). Written evaluations, CARP, and letters to parents can tell more than the other reporting forms, providing parents with an individualized account of the child's progress. They are more helpful to students than letter grades. Written evaluations require a considerable amount of time to develop. This may result in the use of meaningless generalizations. Written evaluations are more subjective than letter grades, and they provide no cumulative record of student progress (Kunder, 1977; Walling, 1975).

Conferences are considered one of the best methods of reporting pupil progress. They allow for communication between the teacher and the parent. Any misunderstandings concerning the child's progress can be clarified during parent-teacher conferences. Fedderson (1972) recommends sharing many types of information with parents during parent-teacher conferences. Information gathered through observations of the

child in the classroom, ckecklists of the child's activities, examples of the child's work, and an informal assessment of basic skills should be discussed during conferences. Parent-teacher conferences can be very time consuming for the teacher and some parents are unwilling or unable to attend conferences. The success of conferences is dependent on the availability of adequate student records and the teachers ability to communicate effectively with parents (Kunder, 1977; Walling, 1975)

Moyles (1986) advocates the use of student profiles to get the whole picture of a child. Profiling involves the collection of data on all aspects of the child's development through extensive record keeping (Moyles, 1986).

A 1977 Educational Research Service Report provides a survey of the policies and procedures used by school systems throughout the United States to report pupil progress to parents and on permanent records. The report states that parent-teacher conferences were the most widely used methods of reporting to parents of

kindergarteners. Letters to parents, pass/fail designation, satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades, letter grades, and percentage grades were used less often.

The method used by more than half of the responding school systems to record final grades of kindergarten pupils was a checklist/rating scale. Other methods included letter grades, satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades, pass/fail marks, and percentage grades.

Most schools report pupil progress every nine weeks. The frequency of reporting pupil progress varied from twice a year to every 6 weeks. The frequencies employed by school systems include three times a year, every ten weeks, and every twelve weeks (Kunder, 1977).

Hatch and Freeman (1986) analyzed the report cards used in Ohio Public School kindergartens. The study provides a detailed list of descriptors used and the items included on the report cards. It contains valuable information in terms of what items to consider including in a report card and what descriptors to use but it does not provide a

basis for which items and descriptors are better than the others. "...A record of what schools are actually doing in no way validates the practice" (Yauch, 1961, p. 50).

Two characteristics which are found on most report cards are space to record school grades and behavioral achievements, and space for the teacher to add personal comments. Most report cards are issued six times a year and they need to be issued in conjunction with other devices such as parent-teacher conferences. In some school districts parents are sharing in report card revisions. Reporting policies and procedures are usually uniform within a school system (Yauch, 1961).

Things To Consider

Sapone and Guiliano (1977) outlined a six step process to determine alternative systems of reporting pupil progress. It provides parents the opportunity to decide how they want their child's progress reported to them and the opportunity to choose a new system when they wish. With such a system, teachers could possibly be using more than

one method of reporting pupil progress for the students in a class and may be asked to change reporting methods during the middle of a term.

Studies on parental preferences of reporting methods showed that 85% of the parents reporting indicated that their preference was to continue whatever system of reporting was in operation. The majority of parents did not feel a need for a change in the reporting procedure used at their child's school (Yauch, 1961). Parents often have confidence in the accuracy of grades to tell their child's abilities and to predict future successes (NEA Research Division, 1970).

Williams and Miller (1973) identified four dimensions which should be considered when revising a grading system. They are: the function or purpose of the grades, the type of student performance to be assessed, the standard for comparison, and the notation system which adequately serves the purpose of the grades.

An effective report card should serve four important functions. It should show the basis for evaluation, indicate the student's performance, be

direct and clearly stated, and provide a space for written comments, thus allowing for teacher and class differences (Walling, 1975).

Reporting systems must be comprehensive enough to serve all the functions expected of grades. It may be necessary to determine and record more than one grade for each student in order to adequately serve and meet the educational responsibilities to parents and students. One grade cannot adequately tell all that needs to be communicated (Williams & Miller, 1973; Yauch, 1961).

Recommendations for Kindergarten

Very little research has been done concerning grading and reporting pupil progress specifically at the kindergarten level. Most of the research deals with the upper elementary and high school level. The information collected concerning reporting pupil progress at the upper levels can be of help in determining how to report pupil progress at the kindergarten level. When determining the methods a school system will employ to report pupil progress it is important to

remember that "...any assessment system that does not contribute to a youngster's learning potential is not worth using" (Sartore, 1975, p. 263)

At the kindergarten level, it is important to consider the philosophy of the teacher and the school district when determining the type of written report to use. The written report should provide the parents with an accurate picture of their child's progress. Anecdotal records and cumulative folders should be kept on a continuing basis to record information relevant to the child's progress.

A study on parental preferences in kindergarten report cards concluded that the report card alone was rated as the least favorable reporting method. The most favored method was a combination of report cards, conferences, and letters (Stephens, 1980). Bjorklund and Burger (1987), Ediger (1975), and Gelfer and Perkins (1987) recommended the use of parent-teacher conferences in the reporting process. Hogan (1975) recommends including the child in the conference.

Fehrle (1979) conducted a survey of kindergarten report cards in the state of Missouri. He found considerable differences among the report cards and considered some of them to be inadequate. He identified seven areas which he felt should be included on the kindergarten report card. He stressed that the tone of the report card needs to be positive so as to avoid giving the child a poor attitude toward himself or school. "...a balance should be struck between providing constructive criticism in important areas of a child's performance and enhancing positive attitudes in the child and his parents toward school and learning. No child should flunk anything in kindergarten" (p. 19).

The seven areas which should be included on the kindergarten report card are play, oral language, social/emotional growth, arts and crafts, music, academic skills, and following directions (Fehrle, 1979). These areas fit in well with the conclusions and implications from Hatch's and Freeman's (1986) analysis of kindergarten report cards in Ohio and the

position of early childhood educators on emergent literacy (Elkind, 1986; Elkind, 1987; International Reading Association, 1986; Iowa Prekindergarten/Kindergarten Task Force, 1987; Katz, 1987; NAEYC, 1986a; NAEYC, 1986b; Strickland, 1979).

The kindergarten report cards in Ohio indicated that the role of the kindergarten was to provide academic training for their students, resulting in negative evaluations of the children. Hatch and Freeman (1986) questioned the push for academics and the negative evaluations. The emphasis on academics obscured the areas of play, self-esteem, curiosity, interest, motivation, and enjoyment on the reporting forms.

Developmentally appropriate curricula and literacy development are major topics of concern for the early childhood educators of the 1980's. Assessments at the kindergarten level must be developmentally appropriate. They should employ a variety of methods and instruments, be a part of the instruction, and occur continuously. Assessment of children's literacy development

should focus on a broad range of skills and knowledge including concept development, comprehension, knowledge of words and the writing system, and composing. Literacy should be assessed in a variety of contexts and the assessment measures should be appropriate for children's level of development and cultural background (Teal, Hiebert, & Chittenden, 1987).

The most recent information from the Department of Education for the state of Iowa addresses the issue of developmentally appropriate practices in the kindergarten. They divided the curriculum into the subject areas of language arts, mathematics, the arts, physical education, science, and social studies. Teaching strategies and activities in each area were matched with sample objectives. It emphasises hands on activities for the students, employing manipulatives, movement and language experiences to develop the cognitive, affective, social and psychomotor abilities of each child. It does not discuss the methods of reporting pupil progress or what should be included in the reporting

instrument (Department of Public Instruction, 1983).

The curriculum for Shelby-Tennant Community School District is being revised at this time. The school district is involved in an area-wide curriculum project coordinated by Area Education Agency XIII. During 1987 the committee began work on the mathematics curriculum. The health, home economics, and physical education curricula are scheduled for revisions beginning in 1988. The curriculum developed by the area committee is to serve as a guide for the participating school districts with districts selecting from the master list those objectives which they wish to include in their school's curriculum. With the math, health, home economics, and physical education curricula in progress and other areas of the curriculum scheduled for succeeding years, this is not an ideal time to base decisions for report card revisions on the school curriculum.

Needs Statement

The major purposes of reporting kindergarten pupil progress at Shelby-Tennant Community School are to show a realistic and meaningful account of student growth to the students and their parents. The progress report will be based on a positive interpretation of what the students can do in all areas of development.

Reporting pupil progress to the parents of the kindergarten students at Shelby-Tennant Community School will involve the use of a combination checklist/report card, parent-teacher conferences, phone conversations, and letters. The information included in the report card will be based on a thorough assessment of the child's progress conducted throughout the school year using observations, checklists, and examples of student work. The emphasis will be on a positive interpretation of the students abilities and growth.

The report card will include a checklist of basic skills, a graded report of other factors important to the kindergarten curriculum at

Shelby-Tennant Community School, space for teacher comments, and a record of the student's attendance. The areas included on the report card will be pre-reading/reading skills, math skills, kindergarten skills, physical development, language development, music, PE, art, creative tendencies, social/emotional development, and work study skills. These areas are consistent with the author's understanding of the kindergarten curriculum of Shelby-Tennant Community School, the Department of Education's recommendations for kindergarten curriculum, and the entry level skills expected of first graders at Shelby-Tennant Community School.

The checklist will be completed on a continuous basis and will be supplemented with more specific skills checklists. The date of achievement will be recorded beside each item. The checklists will be kept in the classroom and the students will help the teacher record information on them as they achieve mastery of each item. This will help the students learn how to evaluate their own work, a major goal of

education (Tingey, 1986). Student participation and understanding of the checklist will instill a sense of ownership toward the items on the report card, further developing the students' understanding of their strengths and weaknesses.

The graded report will provide space for recording a letter grade for the remaining items each quarter of the school year. The grades used for the graded portion of the report card and their interpretation will be: A - always; M - most of the time; O - once in a while; and N - not yet. The right side of the report card will allow space for teacher comments. The report card will be printed on NCR paper with four carbonized copies. The parents will receive one copy following each grading period. They will keep the checklist and graded portion of the report card and return the front page for the teacher's use. The final copy will be placed in the student's permanent file.

The parents will be scheduled for a parent teacher conference following the first and third grading periods. Anyone may request a conference

following the second or fourth grading period. Parent phone calls and letters will be utilized as needed to report student progress at other times.

The new report card for the kindergarten students at Shelby-Tennant Community School is located in Appendix B. It will be printed near the left edge of the paper. The right margin will allow space for teacher comments.

Evaluation

The report card will be evaluated after two years. The major concern at this time is the teacher time needed to do an accurate and effective job of reporting each item on the report card. The progress report requires a great deal of specific information concerning each student's growth throughout the year. The teacher has spent a considerable amount of time keeping student records during previous school years and does not anticipate a problem with this.

Two years will allow ample time to adjust to the new format, experiment with daily record keeping methods, and determine the report card's

effectiveness in providing an accurate account of the student's progress. During that time professional journals will be consulted for recent information on reporting pupil progress and the updated curriculum guide for Shelby-Tennant will be consulted to determine any necessary adjustments.

Summary

The research on reporting pupil progress to parents provides a thorough description of reporting methods and the advantages and disadvantages of each method. It fails to identify one method as being better than the others because each method has strengths and weaknesses which must be considered when changing reporting methods. The research does indicate that a combination of methods of reporting is beneficial in providing an accurate account of pupil progress, and it is important to review reporting methods on a continuing basis to determine their effectiveness.

The reporting instrument developed and presented in this report has been determined by

the researcher to be the best method of reporting kindergarten pupil progress at Shelby-Tennant Community School at this time. It is not intended for use with other kindergarten students because the teacher's philosophy and school's curriculum may differ. It is intended to provide a guide for use during the report card selection process.

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Newton Community School, Newton, Iowa

Parkersberg Elementary School, Parkersberg, Iowa

Shelby-Tennant Community School, Shelby, Iowa

Wapsie Valley Community School, Wapsie Valley,
Iowa.

Appendix A

SHELBY-TENNANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Progress Report

KINDERGARTEN



Attendance							
Absent							
Tardies							

Parent/Teacher Comments:

Parent's Signature

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Parent's Initials _____

Child's Name _____

Teacher _____

Principal _____

School Year 18____-19____

Parent's Name _____

Motor Skills				
Cuts simple figures.....				
Completes figure.....				
Traces shapes and letters.....				
Buttons and laces.....				
Jump.....				
Slide.....				
Hop.....				
Throws- catches.....				
Knows right and left.....				
Balances.....				
Music - Art.....				
Sings with others.....				
Listens to music.....				
Likes to play games with music.....				
Draws and colors pictures.....				
Paints pictures.....				
Uses own ideas in art.....				
Work Habits and Conduct.....				
Shows self control.....				
Takes turns and shares.....				
Listens.....				
Respects own property and that of others.....				
Follows directions.....				
Plays well with others.....				
Finishes work.....				
Obeys rules of safety and school.....				

Number Readiness				
Identifies shapes (circle, square, rectangle, straight and curved lines).....				
Matches objects with correct number (1-20).....				
Is able to write numerals 1-10.....				
Is able to write num. and 10-20.....				
Is able to identify the different numbers by sign (1-10).....				
Is able to identify the different numbers by sign (10-20).....				
Shows one-to-one correspondence.....				
Addition of simple numbers.....				
Reading Readiness				
Identifies meanings and differences.....				
Sequences pictures and letters (in name).....				
Sequences events in a story.....				
Follows left to right sequence.....				
Writes name.....				
Can recite letters of alphabet.....				
Identifies letters of alphabet.....				
Can write letters of alphabet.....				
Can pronounce the correct phonetic sound for each consonant.....				
Makes simple words.....				
Language Arts				
Is a good listener.....				
Speaks clearly.....				
Takes part in share and tell.....				
Can match objects or pictures.....				

Grades
 3 Satisfactory
 1 Improving
 N Needs Improving
 U Un satisfactory

Items left blank indicates not yet ready to grade child.

Appendix B

SHELBY-TENNANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN

PROGRESS REPORT

1988 - 1989

Child's Name _____

Teacher _____

Principal _____

Please sign and return this page to school.
You may keep the other pages for your records.

First quarter _____

Second quarter _____

Third quarter _____

Pre-Reading/Reading Skills student:

Date achieved=====

- _____ shows an interest in books
- _____ recognizes name in print
- _____ sees likenesses and differences in pictures and objects
- _____ recognizes names of classmates
- _____ recognizes capital letters of the alphabet
- _____ recognizes small letters of the alphabet
- _____ knows alphabet sequence
- _____ hears likenesses and differences in words
- _____ identifies rhyming words
- _____ recognized words with same initial sound
- _____ associates letters and sounds
- _____ recognizes and reads simple words
- _____ applies phonetic skills to new words

Math Skills

Date Achieved=====

- _____ identifies basic shapes
- _____ compares and contrasts objects / sorts and classifies
- _____ recognizes numerals 0-10
- _____ recites numbers orally to 20
- _____ recognizes numerals 11-20
- _____ uses one to one correspondence when counting
- _____ counts and matches sets with correct numeral (0-10)
- _____ understands ordinal positions first-fifth
- _____ demonstrates conservation of number
- _____ demonstrates understanding of a graph
- _____ creates and extends patterns

Kindergarten Skills

student: _____

Date Achieved=====

_____ identifies 8 basic colors

_____ reads color words

_____ names days of the week

_____ names months of the year

_____ knows phone number

_____ knows address

Physical Development

Date Achieved=====

Large Motor

_____ jumps and hops

_____ skips

_____ catches, bounces, and throws a ball

Small Motor

_____ zips and snaps

_____ ties shoes

_____ uses pencil with control

_____ uses scissors correctly

_____ draws recognizable figures

Grading Key**A** - always **M** - most of the time **O** - once in a while **N** - not yetGrading Period1 2 3 4 Speech

_____ speaks clearly

_____ speaks with adequate volume

Stamina

_____ appears to be well rested

Grading Key

student: _____

A - always **M** - most of the time **O** - once in a while **N** - not yetGrading Period1 2 3 4**Kindergarten Skills Continued**
=====

_____ knows right from left

_____ uses left to right sequence

Language Development
=====

_____ likes to share experiences

_____ retells simple stories well and in order

_____ expresses ideas clearly

_____ uses vocabulary appropriate for age and situation

Music
=====

_____ enjoys music activities

PE
=====

_____ enjoys PE activities

Art
=====

_____ enjoys art activities

Creative Tendencies
=====

_____ thinks of new ways to use materials

_____ finds solutions to problems

_____ offers novel but relevant approaches

_____ investigates new tasks and materials

Grading Key

student: _____

A - always **M** - most of the time **O** - once in a while **N** - not yet

Grading Period				Social/Emotional Development
1	2	3	4	=====

_____	_____	_____	_____	appears happy in school
_____	_____	_____	_____	works and plays well with others
_____	_____	_____	_____	shares and takes turns
_____	_____	_____	_____	listens in group settings
_____	_____	_____	_____	participates willingly in activities
_____	_____	_____	_____	follows class and school rules
_____	_____	_____	_____	confident in self and abilities
_____	_____	_____	_____	takes care of belongings

Work Study Skills

_____	_____	_____	_____	has satisfactory attention span during: small group activities
_____	_____	_____	_____	large group activities
_____	_____	_____	_____	play activities
_____	_____	_____	_____	independent work time
_____	_____	_____	_____	understands and carries out directions: first time
_____	_____	_____	_____	needs additional explanation or help
_____	_____	_____	_____	seeks help when needed
_____	_____	_____	_____	completes work

Attendance Report

Grading Period	1	2	3	4
Days Present	_____	_____	_____	_____
Days Absent	_____	_____	_____	_____
Times Tardy	_____	_____	_____	_____