

What are Report Card Rubrics?

- ✓ A supplement to the current report card for teachers and parents
- ✓ An explanation of the components that are found in a particular skill
 - Teachers can use these as a checklist for the skills mastered when completing report cards
 - Parents can use these a guide to see all the components of a skill at a particular grade level.

For instance: *Addition of Whole Numbers* looks very different at Grade 1 and at Grade 4. A first grader is responsible for adding to 20 with no renaming while a fourth grader adds into the millions with multiple renamings, adds decimal numbers, and adds fractions or mixed numbers requiring common denominators.
- ✓ The rubrics are written by Grade Level. This allows teachers and parents to look back and to look ahead at skills acquired in the previous or next grade. That makes this helpful when teachers are wondering what a child might be missing or what may be done to accelerate learning.
- ✓ The rubrics are horizontally aligned-this means that the 4 academic subjects for each grade level are together, rather than having subject rubrics where the skills for K-4 are arranged together.
- ✓ It is important to note that a skill is introduced and needs to be practiced many times before a child can independently perform the skill. You may hear your child's teacher say that she/he has not released responsibility to your child for the skill. In other words, your child still needs to be coached or guided when using a skill; the level of independence has not yet been reached.