



Dear School Community,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Terra Linda! We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating summer, filled with memorable moments and quality time with family and friends. Over the summer, our team has been hard at work preparing for an outstanding school year. Our dedication to providing a safe, supportive space for our students remains our priority.

New this year:

We are excited to announce that starting this year, our school will be transitioning to a proficiency-based grading system. This approach focuses on assessing students' mastery of specific skills and knowledge, rather than traditional letter grades.

Why Proficiency-Based Grading?

The shift to proficiency-based grading is designed to provide a more accurate and meaningful assessment of your child's learning. This system allows us to clearly:

- Communicate Progress
- Encourage mastery
- Provide students with multiple opportunities to demonstrate their understanding and improve their skills.
- Allows all students to be held to the same high standards and given the support they need to succeed.

How Will It Work?

In a proficiency-based system, students are evaluated on their ability to meet specific learning targets. Grades will reflect:

- Mastery of Content: How well students understand and can apply key concepts.
- Skill Development: How effectively students can demonstrate specific skills.
- Continuous Improvement: Opportunities for students to reassess and improve their performance.

Difference in Report Card:

Proficiency-based grading differs significantly from traditional letter grades you see on a standard report card.

- Instead of A's, B's, and C's, students receive proficiency scores ranging from 1 to 4. Do not associate 1's and 2's with any C's, D's or F's.
- A score of 1 indicates beginning understanding, 2 shows developing proficiency, 3 signifies proficiency, and 4 represents advanced proficiency.
- Unlike letter grades, proficiency scores focus solely on a student's actual learning and mastery of the material.



- At times you will notice that areas on the report card are left blank, this indicates that students have not yet covered that skill. You will also notice 1's and 2's at the beginning of the year, this is also very common as teachers have the year to cover a standard. This means that students are learning the skill but are still in the process of mastering the skill for the year.
- At times you will also notice that 4's are rarely given. This is because 3 is mastery of the standard for which a student must accomplish for their current grade level.

New way to stay connected!

We encourage you to stay informed and engaged. New this year: Jordan School District will now be using ParentSquare to share communication from schools and the District. ParentSquare has replaced Skylert as the District's new communication platform. With ParentSquare you will receive all District and school communication via email, text, and/or app, based on your preference. Messages may be translated to your preferred home language indicated in Skyward. You will be receiving an invitation email or text message. Please use the link to set up your notification preferences. You can use the ParentSquare app on any device. The app is available at www.parentsquare.com. You can also communicate through email and text messaging without downloading the app.

Class lists will not be posted on the front doors, instead you will need to log into your Skyward family account after Aug 16th, 2024 to find out your student's teacher. You will have the opportunity to meet the teacher during our Meet and Mingle on Aug 20th, please see the flier for more information.

We ask that you help keep our students safe by following our school drop off and pick up procedures. Please use the first week of school to teach your child your drop off and pick up plan. You may walk them to their line and teach them their location during the first week, but we ask that after the first week of school you do not walk your child to their line. This helps keep our playground safe.

Our goal is to create a learning environment where every student can thrive. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 801-282-8036. .

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and achievement.

Events Coming Up!

- o Meet and Mingle Aug 20th from 9-10am OR from 2-3pm. See attached invitation for more information.
- o First day of school for Grades K-6th is Aug 21st

Sincerely,

Principal Martinez

