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“The mission of the Gardner Public School System is to prepare, in collaboration with parents, students who are ready upon graduation for the challenges of college and career without remediation. This will be done in a safe, caring, just and equitable environment. Our core values are Academic Excellence, Creativity, Respect and Responsibility.”

**Gardner Public Schools Report Card
 Grades Pre-K to 4**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Waterford and Elm Street Schools are happy to introduce the use of standards based report cards beginning November 2015. Students are assessed on their ability to meet the Standards identified at each grade level. Below is a description of our rating scale.

4	Your child has an advanced/superior understanding of the standard and consistently exceeds Massachusetts State and District grade level expectations. A 4 is very difficult to achieve and indicates unusually high achievement.
3	Your child consistently and independently meets Massachusetts State and District grade level expectations for this standard and demonstrates sound knowledge and understanding of the material taught. A 3 is something to be celebrated! It shows that your child has mastered the standard and will continue to receive instruction that is rigorous and challenging.
2	Your child is making progress, understands the basic concept or skill, and meets Massachusetts State and District grade level standards with support.
1	Your child has minimal understanding of and is not meeting Massachusetts State and District standards with support.
NA	Your child has not been assessed for this standard. You should expect to see some N/A's during the first and <i>second</i> trimesters. This is because some standards are introduced and are not formally assessed until later in the school year.

All Standards reflect the expectations for your child's grade level. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Building Administrator.

Sincerely,

Ms. Clemons