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- Let your child tell you about their grades in their own words.
- Find something positive to say even if you are disappointed overall.
- Make sure you read the comments by the teachers. They tell you more about your child than a letter or number grade.

- Do not compare your child to other family members or friends.
- If the grades are poor, make a plan to meet with your child's teacher(s) to discuss additional assignments or tutoring. A poor report card is an opportunity to help your child get back on track.
- Be sure you have realistic goals for improving grades. It is very difficult to go from a failing grade to an A in one semester.
- Reassure your child that they do not have to be perfect, but that you are looking for them to do their best.
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