



May 18, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life during the final quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. I am extremely appreciative of our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their positivity, flexibility and resilience during these trying times.

The following information summarizes the 2019-2020 fourth quarter and explains how grades will be assigned. I am sure you will agree that this approach is especially useful during a time that was inherently experimental for all students, parents and faculty.

St. Mary's Elementary Grading and Promotion Procedures for the 4th Quarter of the 2019-2020 School Year

- The purpose of both the online and technology-free assignments which were provided during the fourth quarter was to provide continuous educational opportunities and practice for students while school was closed.
- During the school closure, teachers provided voluntary distance learning assignments through both online and technology-free access.
- During this time our responsibility was to continue to educate our children, but to compassionately take into consideration the variety of difficulties that our families and employees have been enduring during this time.
- Student report cards will be sent out to parents in the next few weeks..
- All students are receiving a passing (P) grade in all areas and will be promoted to the next grade unless you have been notified otherwise by your student's teacher or me.
- This is a suggestion as a viable grading option from both the Iowa Department of Education and the Sioux City Diocese.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Please contact your teacher/s or me if you or your students need support or have any questions.

Sincerely

Diane Jones