

## Grading

As we get into our routine, you should see schoolwork papers come home in their Take Home folders throughout the week. I would like to explain the grading system that we will use in our classroom.

New Lenox School District has developed and adapted a grading system based on educational research and practices. This system focuses on the specific skills in each subject area. The following letters are used as descriptors of your child's development:

**B: Beginning** indicates that the child is making an attempt towards achieving mastery of the learning standard for the skill or concept, but *cannot complete all the tasks independently*.

**D: Developing** indicates that the child shows some understanding. He/she is still working toward achieving the targeted learning standard. However, errors or misunderstandings still occur. Reminders, hints and suggestions are needed to promote understanding.

**S: Secure** indicates that the child has mastered the learning standard. He/she *can consistently* apply the concept or skill correctly and independently.

The individual skills and concepts that will be assessed are based on the *Common Core State Standards* for third grade. Work papers or assessments that your child brings home with have **B**, **D**, or **S** designation are the ones that I will use for progress reports and report cards. These papers will be work that the child has completed independently with little teacher intervention.

Not all papers will be graded in this manner. Much of the work that your child will be doing in class is considered to be "practice" work. All work will be checked over and returned to the students. We may check over work together in class and papers may be marked in your child's handwriting. Some work is done together as a whole group. If a paper comes home with the letters **DT** on the top, this means that the worksheet was completed as a whole class.