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GUIDING PRINCIPLES PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Parents,

In keeping with the State of Maine Guiding Principles for Students, we have chosen to focus on student work habits as an integral piece of our progress reporting. In researching desired characteristics in the workplace, the State Department of Education learned that most employers place a high emphasis on employee work habits and ability to work with others effectively. Through modeling and encouragement, we hope to develop and nurture positive work habits in the Falmouth students.

What you will see in the **Guiding Principles Progress Report** is how your child is developing at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year. We look at the following areas:

- Clear and effective communicator
- Self-directed and life-long learner
- Creative and practical problem solver
- Responsible and involved citizen
- Collaborative and quality worker

You will notice that your child's progress will be identified with one of three letters:

C = Consistently -----→Almost Always

O = Often -----→ Occasionally

S = Sometimes -----→ Seldom

Please know that as a staff we consider an "O" to be the norm for many children, yet we definitely strive for consistent performance. Be mindful that at the K-2 level we are working on building the foundation for long-term work habits that will serve your child well throughout his/her school career and beyond. The skills being developed under the Guiding Principles are a work in progress. If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

John G. Flaherty