

Subject: *ParentConnection* – A Parent Portal to Viewing Student Grade Information Online

Dear Parents/Sponsors of Feltwell Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Students:

For the 2009-10 school year, Feltwell Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are implementing the online grade book *GradeSpeed*. This electronic grade book and its accompanying *ParentConnection* web-based portal, have many special features valuable to both parents and teachers.

Here is an overview of some of these features.

1. This program is only being used in grades 4-12. Eventually we expect that it will expand to the lower grades, but we are not expecting to implement that this year.
2. Questions concerning what is viewable on the *ParentConnection* should be directed to your homeroom teachers as the data they enter may vary from teacher to teacher. At a minimum, an overall average will be available from each teacher after the student has been in the class for at least two weeks.
3. Each teacher's timeline for grade entry will vary so you may want to check with the teacher to get an idea of how often you can expect grades to be updated. The GradeSpeed Notes feature shouldn't be used for teacher contact as some teachers only enter grades once a week, so the notes aren't checked regularly.
4. When your Parent Connection account becomes active, you will be able to see your children's grades and attendance.

If the teacher uses Gradespeed as their only grading program, you will be able to get an expanded view of the assignments. This will allow you to more closely monitor how your child is

**Demo ISD**

Current Student:  
Abels, James ▼

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Student Grades:								
Student: Abels, James								
Course	Teacher	Period	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Exam 1	Sem 1	Cycle 4 Cy
GEOMETRY	BYRD, D.	1	92	56	97		92	76
LATIN I	LEHMANN, N.	2		93			93	
COMM APP	KLUMPP, C.	3	89	80			85	
ENGLISH I	CRENWELGE, S.	4						
WORLD GEO	OSTOS, B.	5						
BIOLOGY	CHRISTIAN, R.	6			A			
FOOTBALL 9	BYRD, D.	7						
Teacher: Clark Malvern		Course: GEOMETRY						
Category	Assignment	Points Possible	Points Earned	Due	Assigned	Note		
<b>assignments</b>	semester exam	100		Oct-11	Oct-11			
	study for test	100		Oct-12	Oct-11			
	textbook probs. 1-15	15		Oct-12	Oct-11			
	bring teacher candy	1		Oct-12	Oct-11			
	extra credit	2	exc	Oct-29	Oct-28			
	textbook page 60 probs 1-15	15	100	Sep-13	Sep-10			
Average:			100 (25%)					
<b>daily quiz</b>	pop quiz	100	85	May-21	May-21			
	Average:		85 (25%)					
<b>participation.</b>	(No Grades) Average:		-- (20%)					
<b>tests</b>	textbook page 65 problems	15	100	May-22	May-21			
	chapter 2 test	100	100	May-22	May-21			
	chapter 3 test	100	75	May-28	May-28			
	Average:		91.67 (30%)					

doing on key assignments.

The feature you may find most interesting is the ability to view your student's grades and assignments over the Internet. Whether you are at home or away, as long as you have internet access you can login to the *ParentConnection*.

As we implement this program, please keep in mind the following information:

- You must register over the internet at [dodea.gradespeed.net](http://dodea.gradespeed.net) to gain access to the *ParentConnection*. Once the webpage opens, click on "Parent" in the first box. In the next box there is a "Click here to sign up" in the lower left corner. Follow the instructions for sign up completely to the end, filling in **ALL** boxes not just the required boxes. Use the information that you provided when registering your student at the school as this is needed in order to verify and approve the account. Your registration will then be reviewed at the building level to ensure that you are on the student's records.
- Once your registration is approved you can login to the *ParentConnection* and begin to view grade and assignment information.
- Questions concerning what is viewable on the *ParentConnection* should be directed to the teachers as the data they enter may vary teacher to teacher. At a minimum, an overall average will be available from each teacher after the student has been in the class for at least two weeks.
- Be aware that the expectation at the building level for updating grades and assignments in the gradebook is not daily or hourly. We feel the teachers' non-teaching time is best spent planning, preparing, and assessing instruction rather than concentrating on entering grades. Each teacher's timeline for grade entry will vary so you may want to check with the teacher to get an idea of how often you can expect grades to be updated.

We hope this new feature will be a great benefit to you and your students and will assist us in our efforts to promote school to home partnerships and communication.

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