

## GRADE CALCULATIONS (WEIGHTING) 2021-2022

It is important that grades clearly reflect where a child is in relation to the content/skills they are responsible to master for their grade level. In order to ensure student grades more clearly reflect student learning, we have decided that it is necessary to categorize grades. We have made this decision in collaboration with the other LWCS elementary schools and by researching what is best practice. We took all the information we gathered and formulated weights that were appropriate for our curriculum and the assignments given in our classrooms. The categories will be weighted as follows for the 2021-2022 school year:

	Percentages	Categories
<b>ELA</b>	50	Tests/Comprehension
	60/20	Spelling/Skills/Vocab
	30/20	Writing
	10	Homework
<b>MATH</b>	60/50	Test/Quizzes
	30/40	Classwork/Projects
	10	Homework

*\*\*numbers divided by "/" demonstrate a weighting for K-1 on the left and weighting for 2-5 on the right.*

Parents may see a change compared to what they have seen in the past for their child's grade. This is because the new weighting system takes into account what skills are being graded and puts weight on Tests/Comprehension which demonstrates the mastery of the content. Other grades (such as spelling) are still important, but do not inflate the grade of a student who is still struggling with content.

Below are examples of what a student's grade would look like both without categories/weights and with. This allows you to see how calculating grades impacts the overall score.

No Weighting		Categories/Weighting				
					AVG	AVG with weight
Unit test	65	Unit test	65	Tests (50%)	62.5	31.3
Spelling	90	Spelling	90	Skills (20%)	88.3	17.7
Unit test 2	60	Unit test 2	60	Homework (10%)	100	10.0
Homework 1	100	Homework 1	100	Writing (20%)	65	13.0
Homework 2	100	Homework 2	100			
Spelling 2	100	Spelling 2	100			
Writing	65	Writing	65			
Fluency	75	Fluency	75			
<b>FINAL GRADE</b>	<b>81.9</b>			<b>FINAL GRADE</b>		<b>71.9</b>