**Counselor’s Corner**

June Creek Elementary School Report cards were sent home last week. Here is some tips on how to handle academic news from school:

* Talk together about the report card.
* Be enthusiastic and give praise for whatever is good.
* Deal with lower grades in a caring and calm manner. Ask your child what he/she is planning to do to improve and come up with an improvement plan.
* Never use a report card to be punitive.
* Instead figure out what motivates your child and provide incentives. Your child will be more interested in being with you instead of getting money or material things. Play a game, plan time together at home, or go on a special outing.
* Convey to your child that school is important. Post his/her work on the refrigerator. Keep papers he/she is proud of in a special folder. Make sure they are on time for school.
* Follow-up with your child by checking their school folders and having conversations on how school is going. Read together and enjoy this time with your child.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child whether it is academic, friendship, bus, needing additional support, etc. Please call, e-mail or stop by my counseling office I would love to work with you and your child!

Thanks!

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