

## When a Child Gets Sick

*David Smith, age 8, has a sore throat and runny nose. His temperature is 101 degrees. He needs to stay out of school until he is well.*



## A Conversation

Mother: Hello. I am David Smith's mother. He can't come to school today.

**School secretary: What is the reason? Is he sick?**

Mother: Yes. He has a cough and a fever. He will stay in bed.

**School secretary: That's too bad. A bug\* is going around. David must bring a note from you when he returns. If he is out for more than 3 days, please get a note from his doctor.**

Mother: OK. Thank you.

\*bug = a sickness, such as the flu

## A Note from David's Mother to the School

May 3, 2004

To Whom It May Concern,

I am David Smith's mother. David is in Mr. Nicely's class.  
David was sick yesterday and did not go to school.  
He is better now. Please let him come back to class.

Thank you,  
Maí Smith  
Mrs. Smith

## Practice Writing a School Note

Please write a note to school, telling them that your child is sick. Give them child's full name. Write in sentences.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

To Whom It May Concern,

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Sincerely,

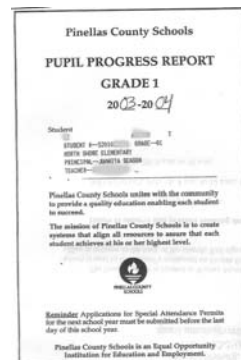
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## Report Cards

In Pinellas County, students at all grade levels receive report cards. Report cards tell how well the student is doing in school. There is a grade for each subject. There is a grade for how students get along with other students. Parents read the report cards. Parents must sign the report cards. Then the students take the report cards back to their teachers.

Some schools use the letters A, B, C, D, E, and F for grades. This is what these letter grades mean:

- A** means very good
- B** means good
- C** means OK or average
- D** means just barely getting by
- F** means the student failed to learn the material.



If you have any questions about your child's report card, call the teacher and ask for more information. Ask how you can help your child with his homework. Thank the teacher for helping you.