

## THOUGHTS ON REPORT CARDS

Dear Mom, Dad, or Guardian,

I'm bringing home a "snapshot" of myself. This picture is a time exposure of me that's been developing during the past weeks. Considering my many likes and dislikes, my mood changes from day to day, I think it's a pretty good likeness of me.

When you see my snap shot, remember this is a report of someone near and dear to you. So, please don't get too uptight if you see a blemish. I hope you will accept me as I am.

Please do not picture me as being better than all the other children. Remember that all children do not learn to talk or walk at the same time, nor do they learn math and reading at the same time. I ask you not to compare me with my brother, my sister, or the kid next door. Please set realistic goals for me, but be careful not to push me to succeed at something that is beyond my ability. I really need you to help, guide, and encourage me to be my very best.

I want you to understand that my report card is a picture of my school progress. My teacher knows me as I am at school. You know how I am at home. The "real" me is somewhere in between. When these two pictures become blended with acceptance and understanding, I hope my "snapshot" will be a shining portrait.

Love,  
Your Child