

As most of you will know, Tatamagouche Elementary school now uses the CCRSB's programme "Powerschool." This electronic, online system creates an interface between school and home which enables a system of communication for parents to access information about their child's daily attendance and schedule, report card information, daily/weekly school announcements and subject specific assessments.

Each parent/legal guardian can have access to their child(ren)'s account by using a personalized log-in which is available through school. Last year all of our children would have received these log-in details. Our new Primary children will be receiving their password and log-in details next week. If you have lost or forgotten those details, please contact school and we will re-issue the password and log-in for you.

This year, as a school, we are piloting the assessment piece of Powerschool, which is contained within what the teachers call "gradebook". Therefore, you will also be able to see how your child is doing in a particular subject. This means that teachers will be recording how your child is doing in a specific learning outcome that they are covering in class.

As it is a pilot year, we are gradually adding assessments for all subjects, but this year our grades Primary to 3 teachers will be assessing and recording how your child is doing in particular Math outcomes and grades 4-6 will be assessing and recording levels in ELA outcomes.

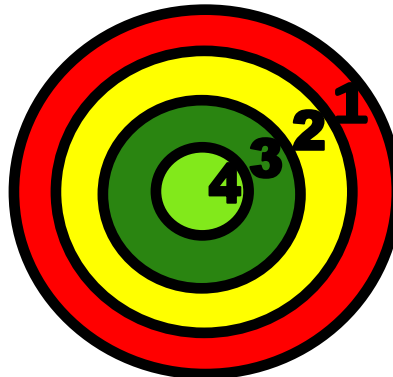
From Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, you should be able to log-in and see a minimum of 2 assessment pieces per calendar month and the number you will see will be from 1-4 for each piece of work assessed. These numbers represent "levels" and we have illustrated these levels to the children as a graphic image, similar to the one below.

There is a comprehensive website that parents can go to find out more about how to use this portal. Go to

<http://www.inschool.ednet.ns.ca> and there you will see an option on the left hand menu called "Student Parent Portal."

## Achievement Levels

**Achievement levels focus on the depth of knowledge and understanding of an outcome as well as the extent of the application of the outcome**



<b>4</b>	<b>In-depth knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Able to extend the application of related skills.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Competent knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Appropriate application of the related skills.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Developing knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Developing in the application of the related skills.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Limited knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Limited application of related skills.</b>

