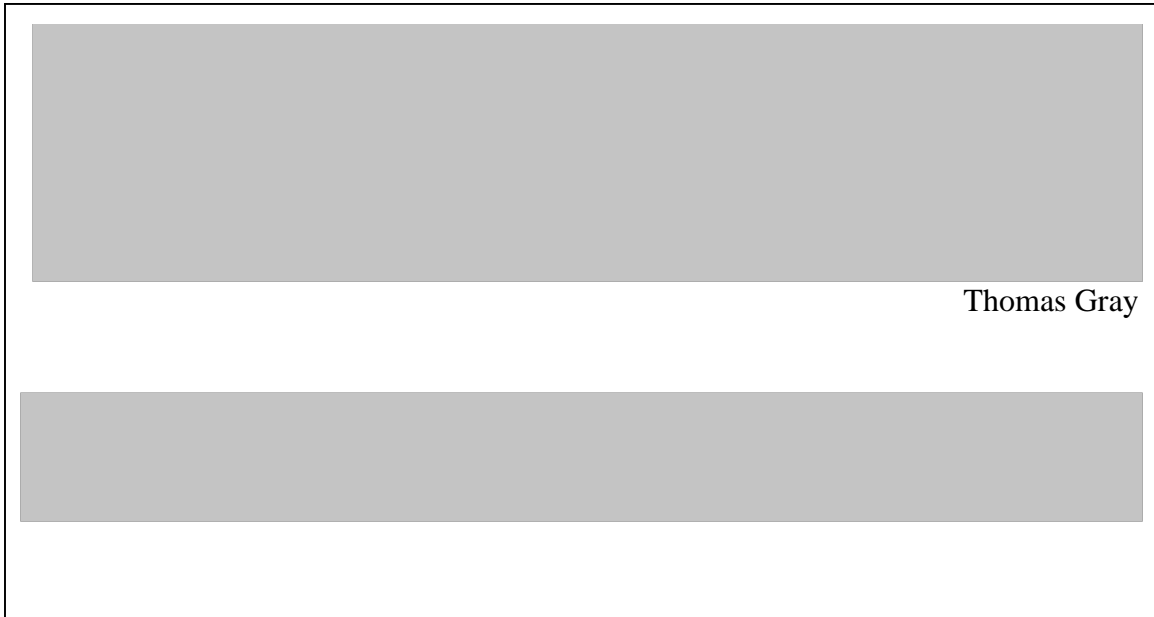


Communicate progress conveniently for parents

Using Renweb and newsletters for progress and upcoming assignments



Create a system parents can rely on for sharing progress and upcoming assignments

What makes student progress communication convenient for parents?

Make it dependable and timely

Choose jointly and have each teacher pledge that he/she will update Renweb by ____ p.m. on _____ each week.

Why?

- Because parents will be able to check Renweb once per week for all grade levels and classes.
- Because parents will be able to hold their child accountable since they will now know the information is up to date and the missing assignment is not just because "the teacher hasn't graded it yet."

Make it useful

Choose jointly and have each teacher pledge to use your weekly school newsletter and/or the "homework" section of Renweb to outline homework assignments (basic expectations, due date, interim due dates for components of the assignment). This is essential for larger, long-term assignments. A+ work for publishing all assignments.

Put yourself in your parents' shoes. Would you rather learn about an assignment when your child has missed it and a zero shows up in Renweb for it two weeks after the fact OR when it is assigned and the deadline is still in the future?

Some fortunate parents have children who never forget an assignment or lose the page describing it, who know how to work on bite-sized pieces of long-term projects, and who are independently able to access a city library and/or the internet. But other parents are trying to help their children learn those skills or coordinate that access. To find out about a forgotten report on a 200-page book, or a science fair experiment and display, or a five-page research paper three days before it is due is disheartening for parents--and chips away at their satisfaction with your school overall.

Make your commitment known

Tell your parents now how they can look up their children's progress, when each week Renweb will be updated and where they can see upcoming assignments.

I suggest you frame this announcement thusly: Research tells us that kids do better in school when parents and teachers work together as a team. A.