

DEPICTING GROWTH

Purpose: To help students show their individual growth and progress.

Steps for Getting It Done:

- Have students create a “before and after” folder, using a two-pocket folder. Let them know that its purpose is to keep track of the growth they have made throughout the year. In the left side pocket of the folder they are to keep copies of the early work they have done in a lesson, providing examples “before” growth, and on the right side pocket they will keep copies of their final lesson work after any revisions have been done, demonstrating how they have mastered the learning and met expectations.
- Ask students to write one or two comments on a small card or note paper about what they would like others to notice about their work sample. They can staple the small note to their paper. A sample is provided below.
- Encourage students to discuss their before and after folder with their parents during Parent Teacher Conferences or other times.

Sample note

I would like you to note how hard I worked on this story problem.

John