Grades are just numbers that have no ability to define the intelligence and capabilities of a child. Higher grade is not an indication and should not be used to compare on how smart a child is compared to another. The capabilities and strength of a child isn’t measured in the four corners of a classroom where learning happens. Schools teach the same lesson for every other child that is enrolled to them but that doesn’t limit one’s capabilities to explore outside the four corners of the room.

Numbers are not a reflection but rather, they are just mere numbers. They should not have the power to deceive a child that if he got a grade lower than his or any others’ expectations, he is considered a failure and less than any child who got higher marks than him. But there are children, parents and teachers who let these marks get onto their skins, setting the expectations higher for themselves, parents to their children and teachers to their students. Children, just like any human being, have their own battle field to play. They may be good at solving simple Mathematics but having trouble comprehending the complexities of the planets that is being taught in Science class. Every child has their own field they are best with. They have their weaknesses and strengths, lows and highs that should be dealt and considered with before telling a child whether he is smart or not. No man is good at everything all at once and no one should be pressured to be good in all area subjects at the same time.

Every child must be assessed what areas he is doing best with and what are his weak spots. From this, he will be aware of his strengths and can improve his weaknesses. There should always be a room for improvement and judgments should not be easy to tell based on numbers a child gets from his class card. A low grade may indicate that he
needs improvement on a certain area but it is never a basis and a reflection of how smart and intelligent he is. Pressuring a child to do better may only cause anxiety for him to fail that may lead to him being unkind and harsh to himself. As Albert Einstein once said, everyone is a genius but if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.

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