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You tell a lot about a person's values and personal priorities just by peering into the box she or he keeps for grades. Many grade-conscious students are quick to enjoy the highest number of stars or grades. They may regard that box as the key to unlocking all the secrets of success. Some students, however, keep their grades in a private place and try hard not to think about them. Other students may leave their grade book open on their desks and have some fun with grade-related words and numbers. These students appreciate the fact that their grades are not as important as the work or knowledge they have gained in school. Yet, other students might not even care about their grades and are more interested in learning and exploring new ideas. Some students prefer to keep their grades away from the public eye and try to maintain a balance between their academic and personal lives. Others may use their grade book as a tool to monitor their progress and stay on track with their academic goals. Ultimately, grades can be used to measure a student's performance and success, but they should not be the sole determinant of a student's worth or potential.