

Parent-Teacher Conferences


-Tips for Parents-

What are the purposes of parent-teacher conferences?

- To give parents information on how their child is doing in the classroom
 - Academics
 - Social/emotional
 - Behavior
- To allow parents the chance to share with the teacher what they are seeing at home
 - Attitude toward school and learning
 - Behavior
 - Social/emotional
- To give the parents and teacher an opportunity to work together to set the child up for success during the school year
 - Next steps/strategies for support
 - Goal setting

What's my role as a parent?

To have the most successful conference possible, prepare with these steps!

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| | RSVP to confirm your meeting time with the teacher |
| | Review your child's work as it comes home from school |
| | Ask your child how he/she feels about school (see questions below) |
| | Look for nonverbal clues from your child about how he/she feels about school Examples: attitude before and after school, sleep patterns, attitude toward homework/reading |
| | Prepare a list of questions/thoughts you want to share with the teacher |
| | If you'd like other people to attend the conference communicate that to the classroom teacher ahead of time Example: reading specialist, counselor |

Questions to ask my child:

What do you enjoy most about school this year?

What have you learned that you're most excited about?

What feels hard at school?

What do you do when something feels hard?

What goals do you have for yourself (this semester/year, etc)?

Resources to Help Parents Prepare:

"How To Get Your Child to Talk About School"

<https://www.understood.org/articles/en/how-to-say-it-questions-to-ask-your-child-about-school>

"Questions to Ask at Your Parent-Teacher Conference"

<https://www.understood.org/articles/en/checklist-questions-to-ask-at-your-parent-teacher-conference>

"Making the Most of Parent/Teacher Conferences"

<https://www.socialmoms.com/know/parenting-2/making-parentteacher-conferences/>