

HOW TO PREPARE FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher conferences are an opportunity for you to find out how your child is doing in school and how you can reinforce these skills at home. It is best to go into the conference prepared with a list of questions that you want to ask. Below is a list of questions that you might want to think about asking during Parent Teacher Conferences.

Questions to Ask At a Parent Teacher Conference:

- How do you handle different learning abilities and styles?
- What does my child seem to enjoy best in school?
- What are my child's strengths? Weaknesses?
- What are your goals for the information and skills that my child will acquire during this school year?
- How is my child interacting socially with the other children?
- What kind of support should I be giving at home? What skills or information should I be reinforcing?
- Is there a specific area that you think we should be working on?
- Have you noticed anything that stands out or seems worrisome to you?
- What is the best way for me to communicate with you? Email, phone etc?
- How do you evaluate the students? Are evaluations based on tests, participation, attendance or something else?
- Do you have a plan to help my child or another child if they are in need of extra assistance?
- Does my child participate in class?
- Does my child follow the rules of the classroom?
- What goals have been met on my child's IEP? What goals are we continuing to work on?
- Are you in contact with my child's other therapists and support services? Do you have common goals that you are working on?
- When do you think that we should be in touch next to follow up the goals we are working on?

In addition to having questions to ask your child's teacher, it is also important to share any important information that is going on at home. Below is a list of some things that you may want to communicate with your child's teacher.

- Any changes in terms of their home life such as moving or other transitions
- Any special medical needs that your child has/ changes in medicine
- Anything that you are working on with your child at home that you would like to be reinforced in school
- Your child's home responsibilities.
- The best way for the teacher to communicate with you.