



# Goosehill Primary School

## Weekly Notes-November 6, 2015



Dear Parents,

**Next week is parent-teacher conference week.** Kindergarten teachers will conduct conferences on Monday and Thursday (11/9 and 11/12) and first grade teachers on Tuesday and Friday (11/10 and 11/13). These are regular school days with no changes in lunch schedules, transportation, or dismissal. On the conference days, your child's teacher will leave detailed lesson plans for the substitute teacher to ensure that your child has a productive day in her absence.

Parent-Teacher conferences are opportunities to strengthen the home-school connection. When teachers and parents work together, children benefit in countless ways. Please consider the following ideas to help you make the most of the conference with your child's teacher:

- Think about **what you would like the teacher to know about your child.** What are his/her interests? What does s/he love about school? How are homework routines going? What impresses you the most about your child's learning? What concerns do you have?
- Think about **what you would like to know about how your child performs in school.** Is s/he excited about learning? Does s/he tend to try to avoid any type of activity? How are his/her skills developing? How are his/her work habits developing? How does s/he interact socially?
- **All learners develop at different rates and in different ways.** Your child's teacher will help you know the areas in which your child is performing comfortably and the areas in which s/he needs some support at this time. Please remember that if your child needs support in some areas of the curriculum, it is okay. The teacher will let you know what she is doing to address your child's needs and what you can do to support your child at home. We may offer AIS (Academic Intervention Services) for a period of 6-8 weeks to give your child a "boost."
- Your child's performance in *all* areas of the curriculum, including art, music, and physical education, is important. If you would like to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kotzky, or Mr. Malone, please call the Main Office.
- The best way to support your child's growth and confidence as a learner is to **celebrate and encourage effort and perseverance.** Let your child know how proud you are of how hard s/he works in school to be the very best student s/he can be.

As you enter the building this week, please take a moment to look over the tables of *Lost & Found* items to see if your child left something behind at school.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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