

Dear Parents,

As you prepare for your **parent-teacher conference**, think about ways you can strengthen the partnership with your child's teacher by sharing your insights about your child and setting goals together.

- Let your child's teacher know about the positive experiences your child is having. This gives her insight into what "works" for your child.
- Share your observations about your child's progress. Express any concerns you may have. Remember that the teacher has a broad perspective about children's development. Listen to what she has to say about your child's progress in relation to grade level expectations. Ask about what you can do to support her plan to help your child develop necessary behaviors and skills.
- Be aware that the teacher may need to communicate a concern about your child's interactions in school. Remember, teachers are in a unique position to observe your child in a social setting outside of your influence. Consider the conference to be a problem-solving discussion. No one expects children to be perfect. Our goal is that all children continue to learn and grow---academically and socially.
- **After the conference, please let your child know how proud you are of his/her efforts.** Celebrate all s/he has learned! Children need to feel competent and appreciated. Let your child know that all learners set goals for improvement and that you are there to support him/her---and so is his/her teacher.

We appreciate your involvement in your child's education. It makes a big difference!

Warm regards,
Lynn Herschlein



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Important Dates

March 22 -FOCUS Welcomes Back: Jennifer Hartstein 9:00 in District Office

***March 24, 31-** Half Days of School (Parent-Teacher Conferences) Noon dismissal

March 23- First Grade Dance 6-7 p.m

March 24- Original Arts Fundraiser forms due

***April 7-** Half Day of School

April 8- GPFA Meeting- topic: class placement



Dismissal We continue to have a number of changes to dismissal plans and need to ask your support. To ensure that dismissal is orderly and safe for all children, your child's daily dismissal plan should be as consistent as possible. If a change is absolutely necessary, a note must be sent to the classroom teacher in your child's backpack in the morning. **We respectfully request that you avoid calling the Main Office to make a change to your child's dismissal plan once the school day has begun.** When such a change is made after the children have started their day, it causes confusion and disrupts instructional time. Therefore, please understand that **mid-day dismissal changes can only be accommodated in emergency situations.** We appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure the safety and security of all children.