

Student-Led Conferences Scheduled for October 29

Attention parents and students! You and all are invited to join us on October 29 or 30 for our fall Student-Led Conferences. Invitations were sent home last Thursday, and we hope you have had a chance to return the bottom portion to confirm your spot! These important conferences will tell parents about their child's performance in reading and math, and share goals for this year. We hope every family will be able to attend! We have worked on the schedule so that families with more than one student have their conferences back-to-back. Please try to keep your appointment if possible. If you cannot keep your scheduled conference time, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible!

What is the student's role?

The students are anxious to show you what they are learning! We believe that allowing students to talk to parents about their learning will give them a stronger sense of ownership and pride, and a greater understanding of how they can continue and improve their achievement. The student's job at conference time will be to explain some of the standards and goals they are working on, and to show examples of their work. With the support of teacher and parents, they will also set goals for future improvement.

What is the parent's role?

One of the most important things a parent can do is attend the conference! This gives a strong message about the importance parents place on their child's learning. During the conference, parents are encouraged to listen, to compliment and talk with their child about his/her work, and to identify ways they can help their child reach his/her goals. Parents will receive a Progress Report which tells their child's current level of achievement in reading and math: **E**xceeding standard, **M**eeting standard, **A**pproaching standard, or **B**elow standard.

What is the teacher's role?

Teachers spent the first month of school getting to know the strengths and needs of each child. They have helped their students understand the standards and goals they are working on. By conference time, teachers will help children select work samples which show their level of

performance in reading and math. They will assist students in setting goals for the remainder of the year. Prior to the conferences, teachers will also provide opportunities for students to practice their part in the conference in order to put them more at ease.

What is the timeline and schedule?

Conference invitations went home last week, and parents were asked to complete and return the bottom portion of the letter as soon as possible. If you must reschedule your conference time, please contact your child's teacher. In order to give students full attention during the conference, we request that brothers and sisters do not attend.

We look forward to this time when students can show off their learning, and identify goals which they and their teachers have set for the remaining months of the year. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for some very special conversations with your children on October 29 and 30!

Sincerely,
Barbara Bergman, Principal