

SOME TIPS FOR GOOD COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PARENTS AND SCHOOLS

1. Keep in touch with your child's teacher or teachers frequently. . . by telephone calls, notes, e-mails or personal visits. Let the teacher know your priorities for your child, things she does well, ways she learns best, etc. Ask questions about anything you don't understand.
2. Express your feelings. Let the staff know when you feel they are doing a good job and when you feel that things are not going well. Don't let concerns or worries build up.
3. Attend all meetings relating to your child's education. Be an active, interested parent.
4. Reach out and connect with other parents by attending school or community events, volunteering on trips or in the classroom.
4. Be a good listener. Encourage the staff to keep you informed about your child's progress, relationships with other children, and any problems or concerns they may have. Listen to the staff's professional opinions about your child. Remember, school personnel can be good advocates for your child too!
5. When differences of opinion arise, talk them out. Look for ways to reach a compromise but keep your child's needs uppermost in your mind!
6. Help your child develop a positive attitude toward school.