



USING CONFERENCES to connect to your child's school

Teacher conferences are one of the best ways to connect with your child's teacher. Be ready to listen and to ask questions, be honest about what's on your mind, and think of the conference as a chance to let the teacher know you are all part of a team working for your child's education.

Here are some questions you might want to ask during the conference:

- What subject does my child seem to like most? Least?
- What can I do to help my child with subjects he/she finds most difficult?
- What can I do to help my child study? Prepare for class? Improve her/his work?
- Does my child participate in class discussions?
- Have you noticed any changes in my child? For



example, have you noticed squinting, tiredness or moodiness? Or positive changes, such as increased interest in a particular school activity?

- What is my child's biggest strength?
- Are there big projects or new challenges coming up this year, and what can we do at home to be ready?

Teachers work hard to stay on schedule so that other parents/guardians aren't kept waiting for their conferences. Ask the question

you think is most important first, to make sure that you and the teacher don't run out of time before it gets answered.

Remember, the conference is only one step in being connected. Plan to keep in touch with the teacher throughout the school year, so you can work together to meet your child's needs.