

Your guide to  
Student Led  
Conferences

The excitement is mounting as the children are preparing to meet you soon.

The purpose of the conference is to celebrate student learning. Your child will be the leader of the conference, during which he or she will share school work accomplishments. These will be conducted in your child's classroom during 40 minute blocks of time. The teacher will be present for clarification or facilitation as necessary. However, your child will be in charge of conducting the conference with you. Please make sure you have booked a time slot for your conference. If you would like to talk with the teacher please make an appointment to do so at another time.

The conference will give the children a chance to demonstrate and celebrate what they have learned. You are expected to show interest, ask questions and provide encouragement and feedback as your child proceeds. Questions can relate to what they found difficult, what they enjoyed or what they improved in during the year. Asking questions to draw out explanations and ideas will help your child have a successful conference. See the parent guide sheets for suggestions to help you support your child during the conference.

When you arrive in the classroom, your child will take you to their conference desk. The atmosphere will be relaxed. Every child is different and individual children may want to spend longer talking about some areas than others. Your conference with your child may end in a shorter time than allocated or it may go on for the full session, depending on your child.

You will be given a chance to feedback and evaluate after the conference is finished.

## Parent Guide Sheet

Your child will be excited about his/her presentation and may be a little nervous. Here are some suggestions to help make this a successful conference for both you and your child. Please don't feel that you have to ask all these questions – they are merely a guide. Indeed, these questions may be useful anytime you are discussing school work with your child.

This is a time of **celebration**. Your child is proud of his/her work.

*These are some questions that you can ask to help with the conference.*

### **English**

#### **Reading**

Tell me about reading.

Is there something you can read now that you couldn't read before?

What are your favourite kinds of books?

How do you feel about reading?

What would you like to read next?

Is there anything I/we can do to help you?

#### **Writing**

Tell me about your writing.

What are you doing now that you couldn't do before?  
(longer sentences, describing and explaining, spelling, use of punctuation)?

How do you think that your writing has improved?

What do you like to write about?

What are you working on to become a better writer?

What type of writing do you most enjoy?

#### **Maths**

Can you do something now with numbers that you couldn't do before?

Tell me what you did to solve this maths problem?

Is there something you wish you could do better?

Which maths activities do you enjoy the most?

What more would you like to learn about maths?

Is there anything I/we can do to help you?

### **Personal and Social Development**

How do you feel about working in a group?

How do you feel about working on your own?

How are you a good friend?

How are you learning to behave at school

### **General Questions**

What did you learn from this work?

What was the easy part?

What was the most difficult part?

What was your favourite part?

If you had to do it over again, what would you do differently?

What is your favourite subject in school?

What do you think you do best?

What would you like to improve on?

What are your goals for the rest of the school year?

Tell me about your art work.

- How did you make those colours?

- Where did you get your idea from?

Tell me about your science work.

- What did you learn from this experiment?

**Enjoy the conference!**