



# GERBER RAMblings

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## **PARENT CONFERENCE TIME**

We are approaching parent conference time at Gerber School. This is a critical time for you to meet with your child's teacher and learn how he/she is performing in school. I would like to offer a few ideas that can help with your conference and make this time as productive and meaningful as possible.

**Even if your child's teacher has not scheduled an appointment at this time, please understand that you may request an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and discuss his/her progress.**

## **Talk With Your Child:**

Before you attend the conference, spend a few minutes talking with your child. Tell them that you need their help in preparing. You might:

- Ask what they would like you to talk to the teacher about.
- Ask what they think the teacher will say.
- Ask about possible problems or successes.
- Let them know you will share all information after the conference.

## **What Should The Teacher Know:**

As a parent, you know your child better than anyone else. Share important information with the teachers that they may not know, such as: favorite subject(s), outside interests and hobbies, any medical or health needs, and things happening at home that may affect schoolwork and behaviors.

## **At The Conference:**

Keep an open mind. Remember that both you and the teacher want to help your child succeed. It is always a good idea to have written some of your questions out prior to your meeting, so you do not forget. Your goal is to work for cooperation. Even if the teacher says something you disagree with, listen to what he/she has to say. Also:

- Ask to see your child's school work.
- Ask the teacher to explain our "educational" terms. In education, we use many terms that become familiar to use, but can be very confusing to someone who doesn't work in a school.
- Sum up what you think has been said. Make sure both you and the teacher agree on any decisions you have made about your child. If necessary, ask to meet again soon.
- Establish the best way to contact each other. Email? Phone? Note?

## **After The Conference:**

Follow-up. Stay in touch with the teacher. If you think of a question you didn't ask, contact the teacher. Talk with your child. Stress the positive things the teacher said and talk about suggestions for improvement. Help your child carry out these suggestions.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**November 8 – Parent/Teacher Conference  
Min. Day – 12:45**

**November 9 – Parent/Teacher Conference  
Min. Day – 12:45**

**November 10 – Parent/Teacher Conf.  
Min. Day – 12:45**

**November 11 – NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day**