

CHILDREN'S CENTER UPDATES



Parent-Teacher Conferences: Building a Relationship

We have entered the season for Parent-teacher conferences. The relationships between parents and teachers are most effective when participants have frequent open communication with each other, and demonstrate mutual respect for each other's roles in a child's life. There are three main goals for this first round of conferences. First, this time allows both parents and teachers to gain a more comprehensive picture of a child through mutual dialog. Second, parents and teachers collaboratively work to develop goals that will serve as the foundation for assessment through out the year. Finally, teachers will share screening results from the ESI and ASQ.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- 1. Be willing and ready to share information about your child and family.** Families are the most important influence in a child's life. You know your child better than anyone else and have valuable insights to share with the teacher.
- 2. Stay focused on your child.** It is natural for our ideas about teachers and their role to be shaped by our own school experiences. Think about and then put aside your past experiences as a student. Stay focused on your child and his or her unique needs.
- 3. Attend every parent-teacher conference.** If your work schedule makes it difficult to meet during regular hours, make this clear to the teacher and try to set up a meeting time that is good for both of you.
- 4. Arrive on time.** Teachers have a tight schedule for conferences—30 minutes per child and family. If you would like additional time to talk, ask for it ahead of time so you and the teacher will have plenty of time to discuss. Be considerate of other parents whose conferences will take place after yours.
- 5. Listen with an open mind.** Try to concentrate on what the teacher is saying instead of what you are going to say next. Ask questions when you don't understand. Explain the reasons for your views and voice your concerns, but be open to suggestions. Stay on the subject: your child's progress.



Scholastic Book

Order

Encouraging reading is one of the most important things we can do to help your child succeed. It can be tough finding the right books to keep them interested, which is why I am so excited that all three classrooms will be participating in Scholastic Reading Club the school year. Scholastic catalogs are available in the hallway.

Go To:
<https://clubs.scholastic.com/>
One-time Class activation code: L7KXZ

If you have any questions about book orders please feel free to contact Teacher Chris.



Did you know:

The current 2016-17 UICCC Family Roster can be found @

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mqemnve5B31y3ZXs-uBJRwoSmQ8KASbcVKMUx9LDSqE/edit?usp=sharing>

Reuse & Recycle

The Children's Center participates in fund raising while also taking care of our environment. We have partnered up with Funding Factory to help gain funds used to purchase books and classroom supplies. At Funding Factory, they collect our used inkjet cartridges, cell phones, and MP3 players. You can help by turning in any of the above items to the basket outside of my office. We appreciate the support!!

Do you have extra scrap paper at work or home?

Instead of putting it in a recycle bin please bring it to the center.

We don't mind what color or size it is. We will take anything that has at least one clear side. We go through a lot of paper so any contributions would be much appreciated. Please bring paper to Melinda's office.

