



# The Wildcat Weekly

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**KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP PARENT NIGHT**..... There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 pm for parents of students entering kindergarten next school year.

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**..... Spring conferences will be Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th. There will be a 1:30 dismissal for students on Thursday and no school for students on Friday. Be looking for conference times in the mail this week.

Parents and teachers are meant to be a team - working together in a positive manner in the best interest of the child. Showing your child that the school-home relationship is a supportive and reinforcing one will aid in his or her academic and behavioral success. Conferences are a great opportunity to get information from the teacher about your child's academic performance and peer relationships, as well as giving the teacher information about your child's life outside of school, previous experiences, interests, and needs. Keep in mind the following recommendations to ensure a successful conference for your child:

1. Prepare questions in advance. What groups has my child been assigned to? Is my child finishing the work assigned in class? The most important question of all is "How can I help my child at home?"
2. Let the teacher know if there is a particular topic you want to discuss. If you want to talk about your child's progress in reading, let the teacher know. He'll be able to have test scores, textbooks, and other material on hand to aid your discussion.
3. Be specific. Bring with you any work that is of concern. Describe clearly any situations in the classroom that make your child uneasy. Ask the teacher to describe your child's strengths and weaknesses. Ask to see your child's work.
4. Take notes. Your conference may result in several actions for both you and the teacher. Taking notes will help you remember what was discussed and what was agreed upon.
5. Leave with a plan. The conference should end with a clear statement of what you will do and what the teacher will do. Schedule follow-up meetings or telephone calls to be sure the plan is working.

Source: <http://www.thelearningcommunity.us/resources-by-format/tips-for-parents/parent-teacher-conferences.aspx>

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