



Student Led Conferences

What Are the Benefits of Student-Led Conferences?

One of the major benefits of this type of conference, is the children are part of the process, and are learning to evaluate their own progress, and accept personal responsibility for their learning. For years, parent-teacher conferences have been the primary means of parent-teacher communication. Because traditional parent-teacher conferences exclude the student from the process, this model does little to facilitate dialogue between parent and child or recognize the need for students to assume greater control of their academic progress. What you will see at the conferences is authentic. You will have the opportunity to see first hand what your child is doing at school. The atmosphere in the classroom is informal, and often joyous. Here is a list of some research on some of the benefits of this type of conferencing.

Student Benefits:

- Students accept personal responsibility for their learning and their behavior.
- Students learn to evaluate their own progress
- Students gain greater commitment to their schoolwork, and learning
- Builds self-confidence and self-esteem
- Builds communication and critical thinking skills
- Students develop organizational and oral communication skills.
- Enables students to share and discuss their work with their parents.



Parent Benefits:

- Increases the amount of information given to the parents.
- Parents gain an understanding of classroom activities and expectations
- Parents see their child's work first-hand and what each curriculum offering entails
- Parents spend time discussing the importance of education with their child
- Parents encourage their son/daughter to accept personal responsibility for their academic performance.

