

Dear Parents,

The most important person in your child's education is your child. We teachers and parents are partners in the process, but ultimately the person doing the work is the child. In order to help the children develop awareness of and reflect upon their educational process, we shall have the children direct the February Conference. Please try to schedule a time when both parents could possibly attend. Your child is working hard to prepare for the presentation and is proud to share with you his / her work and goals.

The children will review and put in order the work they have done in the last semester. They will select a representation from language, math and / or cultural studies to share with you. If time allows, they will also chose an exercise in language or math to present to you. This will require them to organize their thoughts and work. They will have to define their goals, exercise judgment in choosing the work to share and practice to make a fluent and formal presentation. Other schools that have used student-directed conferences have found that the children become more motivated, reflective and evaluative. They improved their communication skills and became more analytical in their approach to learning.

If you have not done so already, we ask you to schedule a 30 minute slot through the link at Wejoinin.com that can be accessed through the blog.

With thanks – John Edwards