# **Resources for your Teacher Toolbox**

Week 4: 11/4-11/8





This Weeks Feature: Parent Communication

The foundation on which successful education program is built is a strong partnership between parents and teachers (Barbara Mariconda)

From the Article Cultivating Highly Successful Parent Teacher Communication:

One of the most beneficial aspects of teaching is building positive relationships with parents. Effective parent-teacher communication is essential for a teacher to be successful. A good relationship between parents and a teacher is invaluable towards maximizing the time that the teacher has with that student.

A student who knows that the teacher communicates on a regular basis with their parents and who knows that their parents trust the teacher will likely put more effort into school. Likewise, a student who knows that the teacher rarely or never communicates with their parents and/or their parents do not trust the teacher will often pit the two against each other. That is counterproductive and will create problems for the teacher and ultimately issues for the student as well

Many teachers underestimate the value of building relationships with their students' parents. Parents can be your best friends, and they can be your worst enemy. It is hard work for a teacher to build trusting cooperative relationships, but it will be well worth all the effort in the long run. The following five tips can help teachers build solid relationships with the parents of the students they serve.

#### Continue reading this article at the following website:

https://www.thoughtco.com/tips-for-highly-successful-parent-teacher-communication-3194676

## **Different Ways to Communicate With Parents!**

**Fmails** Conferences **Newsletters** 

**Phone Calls Post Cards** Notes

Daily folders Class Web Pages Student Success Tickets

#### Samples of Ways to Communicate with Parents



## I'VE 90t SOME GREAT NEWS!

has been doing an outstanding job in class lately and I thought you'd like to know!

I'm so proud of their good effort and hard work!

Sincerely,

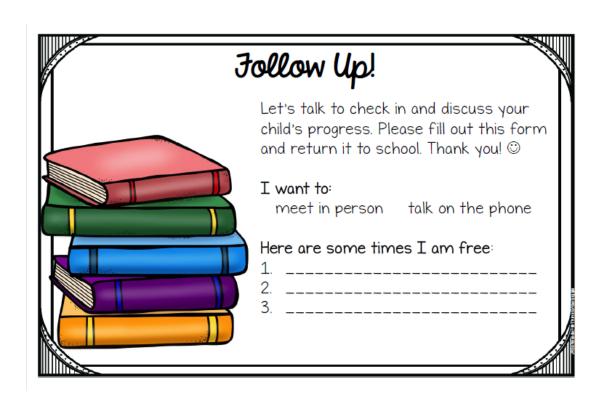


#### POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Dear parent,

Today ...... had a great attitude. Your child helped make our classroom a better place to learn and play by using kind words, sharing, and including others!

Fantastic News	
For the parents of:	
Just a note to let you know that your child did something great today!	



#### **Sample Student Planner Page**

## Take a look! At what I have been doing in class!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Date					
Writing					
Reading					
Math					
Sci./S.S.					

#### \*Homework\*

Reading			
Math			
Other			
Parent Initials			
Comments			