

## **CHECKLIST**

- Talk to your child BEFORE going to the conference. Ask them if there is anything in particular you should talk about with their teacher or anything you as the adult need to know beforehand.
  - This will allow you to communicate to the teacher anything that is on your child's mind.
  - Emphasize the POSITIVE focus of the conference.
     We want your child to be excited that you are talking with their teacher!

PREPARE A LIST OF QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER(S).
BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF QUESTIONS THAT COULD BE ASKED:

## **Elementary:**

- What are my child's strengths this school year?
- In what areas does my child need to grow?
- · Is my child performing on grade level?
- What mathematics performance assessments does my child take and what does the data say?
- Does my child need extra help in any areas?
- Is my child reading on level, above, or below grade level? Can you show me samples of my child's writing?
- How can we work together to help my child grow as a reader and writer?
- As the parent/guardian, what can I do to support my child?
- Related to my child's attendance, does my child have any unexcused absences? Do I still have time to submit an excuse card?
- Related to Social Emotional Learning and the Mood Meter, how has my child been feeling in the classroom? How does my child use the mood meter?

## Secondary:

- · What are my child's strengths this school year?
- In what areas does my child need to grow?
- Is my child performing on grade level?
- Does my child seem rested, focused and ready to learn?
- Does my child need extra help in any area?
- Does my child ask questions when they do not understand?
- As the parent/guardian, what can I do to support my child?
- Related to my child's attendance, does my child have any unexcused absences? Do I still have time to submit an excuse card?

## TIPS!

- Be on time.
  - We recommend arriving 10 minutes before for your child's scheduled conference.
- Be focused.
  - Silence your cell phone.
  - Bring something to take notes.
  - Ask for clarification if there is something that you do not understand.
- Leave with an action plan
  - Before you leave, ask your child's teacher for the best way to contact them after the conference.





**MONDAY, NOV. 25 AND TUES. NOV. 26**