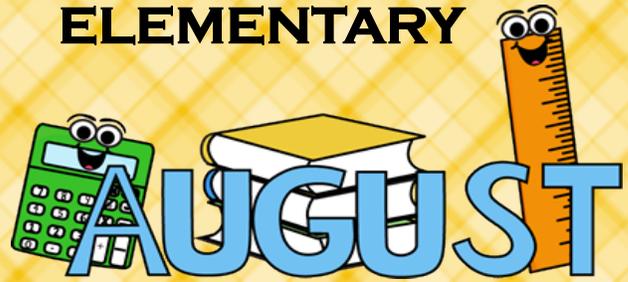




ROCK CREEK ELEMENTARY



5 WAYS TO BUILD A PARENT-TEACHER RELATIONSHIP

1. **Make Contact-** It feels good to meet a teacher and see how much care goes into a classroom. Focus on putting dates like open house, conferences, and special programs on your calendar.
2. **Know Your Child's Strengths and Weaknesses-** It's great when you and your child's teacher can share the same perspective. Make sure your voice is heard so your child's needs can be met.
3. **Show You Care-** Nothing says you matter more than a note thanking a teacher for going the distance for your child.
4. **Be a Partner-** When something is going on at home, let the teacher know. Changes (big or small) can impact a child's performance.
5. **Listen-** Parent intuition is a powerful thing. But children are different at home than they are at school. So listen to your child, but don't forget to listen to your teacher's suggestions.

After-school questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your child's day:

- "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "Who did you sit with today?"
- "What made you laugh at loud?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?"

Source: Home & School CONNECTION



ATTENDANCE

This year we want to make sure every student misses no more than 9 days of school, or 1 day a month. *Attending school has a huge impact on student success.* We realize some absences are for health or other reasons. But, when students are absent 2 or more days a month (or 18 days over the school year) they can fall behind in what they learn. Excused and unexcused absences both mean missing classroom learning time. Please let us know how we can best support you and your student so that they can show up for school on time every day.



Looking Ahead:

August 29- School Pictures
August 30- Health Screening
September 3- Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
October 27- **FALL FESTIVAL**

DID YOU KNOW...

The average time it takes plastic to decompose is 450 years!

