

# The Rocketeer



Rock Creek  
Elementary



## 7 Ways to Get the Most Out of Parent-Teacher Conferences

- 1. Talk to your child before the conference.** What are his favorite subjects? Least favorite? Why? Anything he'd like you to know beforehand. Emphasize the positive nature of this meeting.
- 2. Be prepared.** Write down your questions and information you'd like to share. Any changes at home, such as a new baby or a family member's illness that might have an impact on your child's schoolwork? Bring paper and pen so you can take notes.
- 3. Arrive on time and work with the teacher to stay within the set meeting time.** If you have more to discuss, arrange a follow-up visit.
- 4. Ask for specifics about your child's work and progress.** What will she be expected to master? How is she doing? What about behavior and social skills? Talk to the teacher about your child's study habits and what you've observed at home.
- 5. Have an open mind.** If your child is having problems—whether academic, behavioral, or social—you and your child's teacher both want the same, positive outcome. Ask questions, but also listen. The conference is an important time to work together for an honest assessment of your child's progress.
- 6. Determine the best way to stay in touch.** Regular notes, emails, and calls will help create and maintain the important home-school connection.
- 7. Follow through at home.** You and your child's teacher may come up with some at-home strategies to try. Touch base and let the teacher know how things are going.

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## ATTENDANCE

*Help your child succeed in school:  
build the habit of good attendance!*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

## Important Dates

- Sept. 10 Fall Pictures
- Sept. 19 Parent Night 5-6 P.M.
- Sept. 20 House Friday
- Sept. 20 Peace Day
- Sept. 25 Planetarium visits R.C.
- Oct. 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 2 Walk to School Day
- Oct. 26 **FALL FESTIVAL**  
*Storytime with Mrs. Benere*  
*Thursdays at 6:30*



## GET INVOLVED

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