

# **Celebration of Learning**

## **Student-Led Conferences**

### **First Grade**

Dear Families,

The first grade team will be conducting conferences differently this time around, and it already is a hit with your children. We will be conducting "Student-Led Conferences". This format encourages all families and family members to attend and participate. The purpose of this conference is to reflect on your child's growth and learning this year. During the 30 to 45 minute conference period, your child will take an active role by showing you work samples and projects. There are many learning experiences and benefits for your child that accompany this format including the following: active participation in the learning process, increased self-confidence, development of leadership skills, organization, responsibility for their learning, communication and critical thinking skills.

Benefits for you as a family: a longer conference time to gather information about your child's academic and social progress this year, the joy of seeing your child present information and projects they having been working on, plus hear from your child's teacher about the wonders of your child's progress.

There will be 3-5 families in the room at the same time. Each family will choose a table and your child will begin their presentation, just to your family. Having other families in the room, aside from being more efficient, still allows for each child to be more at ease and also duplicates the sense of community we feel every day by being with our learning friends.

Each teacher will rotate into each conference to discuss strengths and goals for your child, and to support your child with their presentation.

We are very pleased to be offering this format to you this spring. Your scheduled time is attached. Notice the conference are 30-45 minutes. You and your child may finish the conference in 20 minutes or extend to 45. If you have additional questions after this conference please feel free to call me to set up another time for us to met.

We look forward to seeing you soon,