Creating a Partnership with Parents/Caregivers



It's important to consider parents/caregivers as partners in the educational experience; after all, schools are providing a service to their most precious accomplishment! The parents/caregivers of your students most likely did not experience school as it runs today.

From the start of the year, you want to leverage this important resource by not only building relationships with students but also with their parents/caregivers. Use the reflection questions/suggestions below to guide your thinking on creating a partnership with your students' parents/caregivers.

Communication

1. How will you communicate to parents/caregivers how and what students will be learning when (or before) the school year starts?

2. How will you assure parents/caregivers that their child will be supported in your classroom?

3. How can your students become involved in communicating what they are learning and doing in class to their parents/caregivers in a way that engenders pride?

4. How will your parent/caregiver communication continue throughout the year? Web page? Class blog? Newsletters?

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Interest and Information

1. How can you survey parents/caregivers before the start or at the start of school to determine professional interests? Best point and time for contact? Their feelings about and expectations for school? Other pertinent information?

Navigating the Physical and Online Environment

1. What resources will you provide parents/caregivers about the expectations for students navigating the physical classroom environment? The digital classroom environment?

2. How will parents/caregivers be able to contact you throughout the year?

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