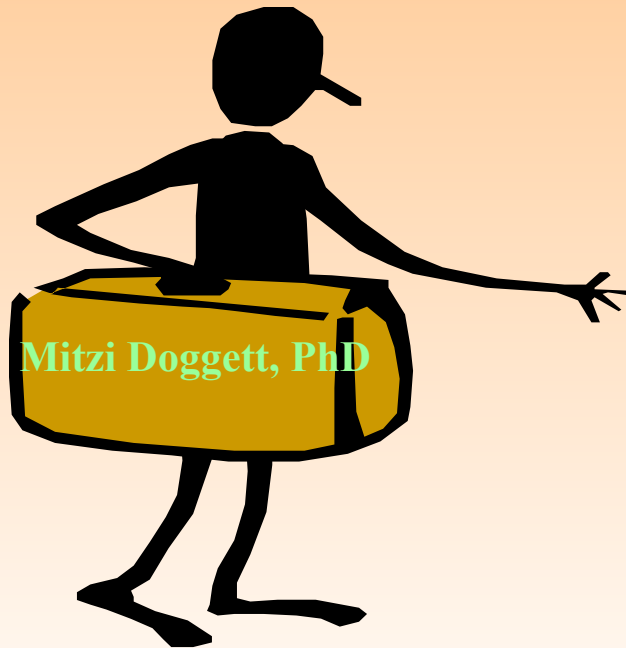


Parents— A Valuable Resource



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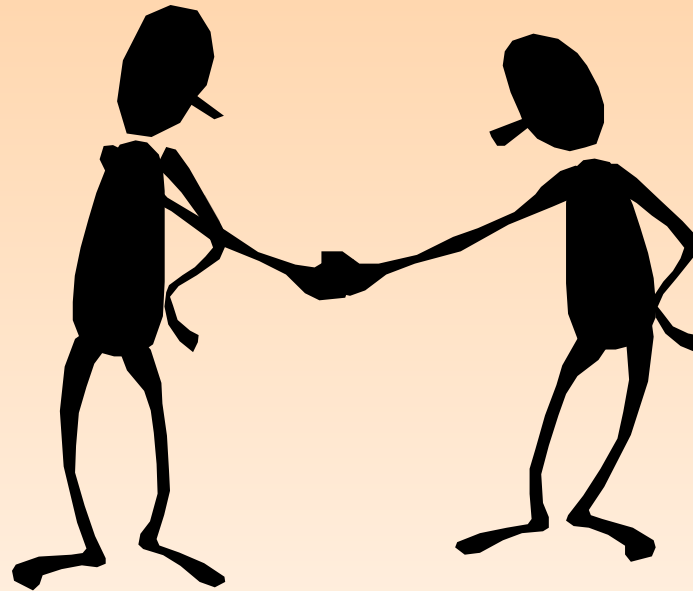
Insight

“When parents walk through the doors of the school house they see their past. Whereas, when children walk through the same doors they see the future and their teacher as the person who will lead them out successfully.”

Larry Lezotte, Ed.D.



Parents & Teachers



What do they have in common?

Parents

- Know child best
- Hear about child's teacher
- Remember own experiences
- Need guidance on issues
- May feel guilt over circumstances



Teachers

- Provide warmth, empathy, & respect
- Spend lots of time with child
- Hear about child's home
- Want answers
- Not authority on all subjects



Parent's Wish List

- Build child's self-esteem
- Get to know child's needs
- Communicate often with parents
- Regularly assign homework
- Set high academic standards



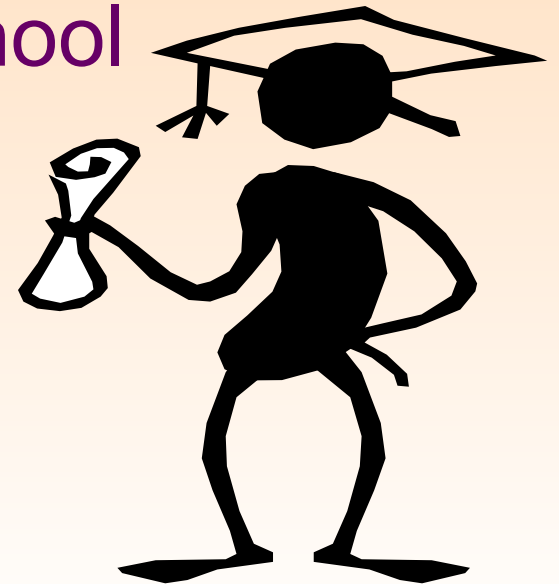
Parent's Wish List

- Encourage parental participation
- Understand learning styles
- Treat all children fairly
- Use positive discipline
- Care about children



Teacher's Wish List

- Be involved in child's education
- Provide resources at home
- Set good example
- Expect child's best at school
- Put academics first



Teacher's Wish List

- Support school rules
- Use pressure positively
- Call teacher about problems
- Assume parental responsibility
- Understand alcohol, tobacco, & excessive partying are problems as serious as drug abuse



Casual Conversation

- Phone calls
- Newsletters
- Encounters
- Notes



Why Stay in Touch with Teachers?

- Communication
- Bridge building
- Goal development
- Partnership development



Key to Success

“Let your advance worrying become advance thinking and planning.”

- Winston Churchill



Tips for Success - Do



- Have sense of humor
- Be accepting
- Keep positive attitude
- Listen

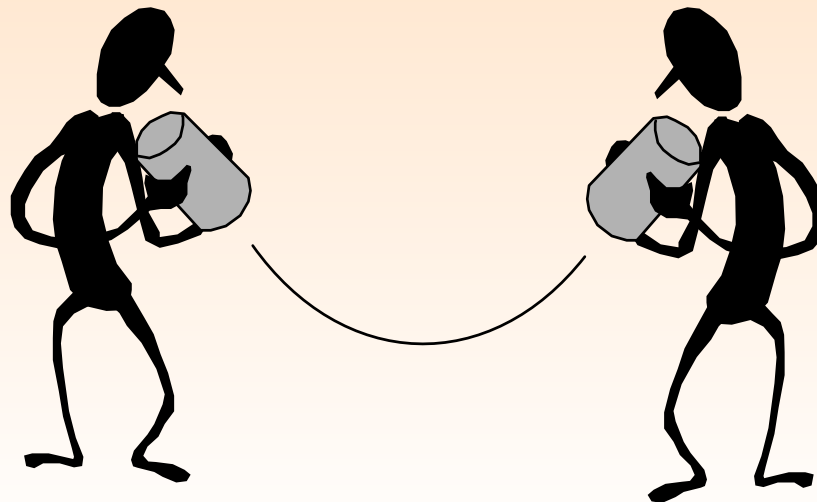
Tips for Success - Do

- Watch body language
- Be sincere & respectful
- Reinforce others when necessary



To Help

- ☺ Provide input in decision-making
- ☺ Use suggestion box
- ☺ Visit school



What You Can Do

- ☺ Get to know your child's teacher
- ☺ Be involved, not intrusive
- ☺ Share unique insights about your child
- ☺ Offer to assist with projects
- ☺ Know & support classroom rules
- ☺ Speak respectfully of the teacher in front of your child



To Help

- ☺ Keep lines of communication open
- ☺ Recognize your child's version is only one side of the story
- ☺ Don't over-react
- ☺ Respect the teacher's skills & knowledge
- ☺ Recognize the value of teamwork

What A Team!



The best formula for a child's success in school is a strong partnership between parents and teachers. Both have special skills and insights to share.

Thanks!

