

The role of the parent, student, teacher and school in education today continues to be equally important. Each one brings different aspects to the success of the student within the educational system. Working together to provide optimal learning for the child benefits all those involved.

The Parent:

The parent's role in their child's learning begins when the child is born. Parents are their child's first and lifelong "teachers". Parents' attitudes about education can inspire them to become excited and optimistic about learning. By being a role model for learning, parents can foster a desire to learn new things both in and out of school. Parents can also guide the child toward specific interest and talents while encouraging and supporting them in areas that are more challenging. As full partners in their child's education parents can:

- Monitor attendance by making sure your child is at school and on time.
- Make sure homework is completed and practice what the child learns at school.
- Set aside time to read together and discuss what your child is learning at school.
- Monitor the amount of time spent watching television or playing video/computer games.
- Communicate regularly with the child's teacher by responding to notes, forms, emails or phone calls.
- Participate in decisions relating to your child's education. Contact appropriate school personnel if you have questions or concerns.
- Volunteer in the child's classroom or at the school when possible.
- Utilize information from the school by reading newsletters, notes, flyers and the school webpage on a regular basis.
- Attend various functions hosted by the school, such as parent teacher conferences, math/literacy nights, socials, plays/musicals, etc....
- Help your child take charge of his/her learning by teaching them to be responsible for their successes and failures.

The Teacher:

The teacher's role in the education of their students carries much responsibility. A teacher's main role is to help the student learn. Students depend on teachers to provide learning opportunities that will guide their education as they become successful members of society. Teachers' attitudes, knowledge and skills have a great effect on the education of their students. One goal teachers have is to provide an environment that is warm and respectful, while also challenging their students academically. As full partners in the child's education teachers can:

- Provide opportunities for learning and mastery of the curriculum.
- Serve as a guide for "new" learning while giving attention to the individual needs of the students.
- Give feedback to both students and parents concerning the progress of academic, social and behavioral goals.
- Assign homework that is relevant and appropriate for the grade level.
- Provide an atmosphere where students are known and invited to participate.
- Set expectations for student success while encouraging and motivating students to meet those expectations.
- Maintain a professional relationship with students within a warm and protective environment.
- Communicate with parents and guardians on a regular basis.
- Be available to parents, students and others involved with the child as much as possible.
- Help students become responsible independent learners.

The Student:

The student plays an important part in his/her education. The student's main role is to become a responsible independent learner while striving toward future goals in life. A student's learning should evolve as they grow and mature. Students should work to become more responsible for their own educational journey. As full partners in their own education students can:

- Be in attendance and on time each day.
- Be prepared with needed supplies, materials and books.
- Be active participants by paying attention, contributing to discussions and answering questions.
- Ask questions that are relevant to the subject or topic.
- Be attentive listeners.
- Be a motivated learner that thinks about what they are learning and applies it.
- Complete and turn in assignments and homework in a timely manner.
- Treat teachers and other class members with courtesy and respect.
- Be responsible for getting information, such as notes, forms, newsletters, etc... from home to school and vice versa.
- Follow school and classroom rules.
- Show respect for the school building and grounds.
- Be responsible for his/her learning.

The School:

The school consists of the buildings and grounds as well as the personnel that work there. The school's role in the education of a child is to provide a safe learning environment. Buildings and grounds are built and maintained to suit the needs of the students. School personnel work together as a team to provide for the needs of students. As full partners in the child's education, the school can:

- Provide a safe and well maintained place to learn.
- Provide for physical, medical and emotional needs of the child. This is done through physical education classes, playgrounds, the school nurse and the school counselor.
- Provide special services as needed for children who qualify under program guidelines.
- Provide for nutritional needs through the lunch and breakfast program.
- Provide opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Provide information about a wide variety of topics related to children and parents through the parent center.
- Provide information about community programs and events through flyers, newsletters and the school website.
- Be available to parents, students, teachers and other community members.
- Help children become successful, independent learners.