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Get the most out of this year's parent-teacher conferences

Parent-teacher conferences in middle school are often brief. But they're extremely important, too. To get the most from a meeting with your child's teacher:

- **Make a list of questions.** Is there something in particular you need to discuss with your child's teacher? Jot it down ahead of time so you won't forget to bring it up.
- **Be prompt.** Arriving late may delay conferences after yours.
- **Stay focused.** To make the most of your time, avoid chatting about things that have nothing to do with school.
- **Be open-minded.** Really listen to what your child's teacher has to say. Her insight matters.
- **Ask the teacher how you can help at home.** Remember: You are partners in your child's education.
- **Take notes.** This will help you remember what you discussed.

PARENTS AND THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Research states that families who are involved in their child's education are more apt to see an increase in student academic success!

Parents, we encourage you to participate in the many parent activities that will be available at your child's school and throughout the district this year. Attend Literacy Nights, the School Advisory Council, PTO, conferences, etc. with your child's teacher, etc. Your child needs you to be closely involved in their education and the school needs you as well!

Together—Home + School = Student Success!!

This is true at the Elementary, Middle and High School level!

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE/CAREER

It is never too early for students to believe that they can and WILL go to college. College is a place to learn more and gain experiences. College does not have to be out of reach for anyone. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about going to college and having a career. There are several college campuses that are in or near Moultrie, take a tour they're free!

Using language such as "When you graduate from college..." sends the message that there is an expectation that your child will attend college.

Planning for College and Career Begins in High School

Do you know the requirements for Graduation? If not, contact the Guidance Counselor at your child's school.

Time Management Tips for High School Students

Make a "To Do" List Every Day = Put things that are more important at the top and do them first.

Review Your Notes Every Day = You will reinforce what you've learned, so you need less time to study and be ready if your teacher calls on you or a pop quiz.

Questions for Families to Ask Colleges:

What are the average costs for tuition/fees, books/ supplies, room/board, transportation; and personal expenses? How does financial need affect admission decisions at a particular institution?



Parents at Norman Park Elementary during Career Day.

"When you get involved, it not only makes your kid happy, but it makes other children happy to see you there, too."

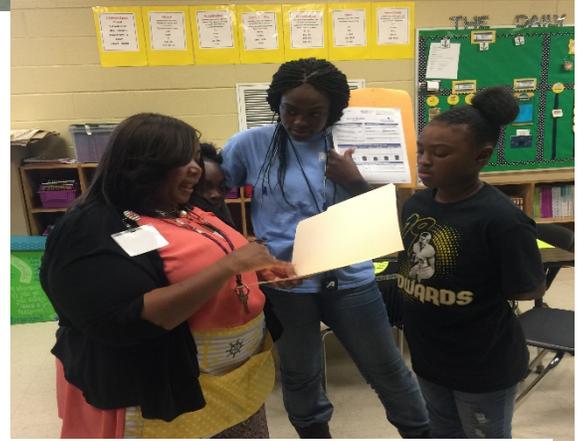
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Annual Title I Meeting at Sunset Elementary

**Wednesday, October 12 –
Report Cards
Wednesday, October 19 – Early
Release Day
FALL BREAK - October 20 - 21**



Literacy Night at Stringfellow

TOP TEN HOMEWORK TIPS

Kids are more successful in school when parents take an active interest in their homework — it shows kids that what they do is important.

Of course, helping with homework shouldn't mean spending hours hunched over a desk. Parents can be supportive by demonstrating study and organization skills, explaining a tricky problem, or just encouraging kids to take a break. And who knows? Parents might even learn a thing or two!

Here are some tips to guide the way:

1. **Know the teachers — and what they're looking for.** Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework policies and how you should be involved.
2. **Set up a homework-friendly area.** Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.
3. **Schedule a regular study time.** Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
4. **Help them make a plan.** On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
5. **Keep distractions to a minimum.** This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)
6. **Make sure kids do their own work.** They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.
7. **Be a motivator and monitor.** Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
8. **Set a good example.** Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
9. **Praise their work and efforts.** Post an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.
10. **If there are continuing problems with homework, get help.** Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention disorder.