

Teacher September Newsletter

Fall is rapidly approaching, and the school days are starting to fly by. This is a great opportunity for you to communicate with parents about becoming involved at school and helping students achieve goals for success.

Parental involvement is an opportunity for parents to see firsthand what their child is learning. It also lets students know that their parents are committed to learning. Talk with parents about how they can get involved in upcoming school events and activities. Also use this time to discuss academic goals for your students. Be ready to give parents ideas and suggestions of how they can help their child attain those goals. Suggestions for topics you can discuss with your student's parents are found below.

- What do parents need to know about learning standards and assessments?
- What online grading system is available to parents?
- What educational opportunities are available for students?
- What are the homework expectations for my students?
- How can I involve parents in ways that support learning?
- How can parents get involved in school programs?

In addition to talking with parents about their child's progress, also remind them that September is National Preparedness Month. In Arkansas there are a wide range of emergencies and disasters that can happen at any time; however, safety and effective learning go hand-in-hand. Although September is a very busy time of year for teachers, it is also a good time to make sure you are knowledgeable about school emergency plans, policies and procedures.

Think about the following questions as you review school procedures.

- Do my students know what to do in case of an emergency?
- How do I help my students' parents discuss natural disasters with their children?
- What information can I give parents about preparing for disasters?

The American Red Cross has developed a good disaster preparedness activity book you can use in your classroom. Parents also can use the book to guide discussion with their child. The resource is available at [Disney's Mickey And Friends Disaster Preparedness Activity Books](#).



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