

## **Parent-Teacher Relationship**

Family involvement is necessary for successful schooling. When parents volunteer their time and attention, students achieve more and like school better. Are you doing everything you can to build strong relationships with your students' families?

- You actively encourage classroom visits. If your school does not have parent visitation events scheduled, create your own.
- You use parents as a resource. They can fill in the blanks about your students and also offer expertise in areas that you are teaching.
- You prepare for parent-teacher conferences ahead of time so that they are as comfortable and informative as possible.
- You maintain communication with parents on a regular basis, even outside of special events like conferences and visitation days. You keep parents updated on happenings in the classroom and make yourself available for parent questions.

### *Helpful Resources:*

- Timely Topics: Parent-Teacher Conferences  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/parentconf/index.htm>
- Resources for Parents  
<http://www.scholastic.com/families/index.asp>
- Class Homepage Builder  
[http://teacher.scholastic.com/homepagebuilder/monthly\\_tips.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/homepagebuilder/monthly_tips.htm)