Dear Kindergarten Families,

I am excited to tell you about our Student Led Conferences, which will be held on October 28th from 5-8pm and October 29th from 4-7pm. Traditionally, after report cards are sent home parents are invited to speak with the teacher about their child’s progress during Parent-Teacher Interviews. Student Led Conferences are different in that the student shows their parent(s) what they are capable of in the classroom, rather than the teacher telling the parent what the child is capable of.

I tell the children that they get to be the teacher for their parents, and their job is to show their parents what they can do. There will be different stations set up around the room for your child to lead you through. The evening is structured, and it is NOT a free-play time. Your child will show their portfolio and complete numeracy, literacy, and fine motor tasks. I will also be available to answer any questions you have about your child’s progress and areas to work on at home.

Please read the second page which has some tips for the evening. Here is the booking information

 **Booking Online**

1. All conference times are booked through **www.schoolbookings.net**

2. Log in with our school access code – HNTKZ

3. Enter parent’s name, email address and student(s) name(s)

4. Choose the class and then teacher(s)

5. Select your conference time(s)

6. You will receive a confirmation email

You will only have 30 minutes for your time slot, as there are 33 other families that also need time. Please do not come early or late for your time slot as the stations will be full. Be mindful that during each timeslot there will be 4 families in the classroom.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the evening. I’m looking forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Mme. Workman

**Tips for Student Led Conferences**

Student Led Conferences may be new for your family, but have no fear! Read through the Dos and Don’ts below and you will be sure to have a successful evening with your child.

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| **Do…** | **Don’t…** |
| * + - * Focus on your child’s work.
			* Ask your child questions:
				+ “Tell me more about…”
				+ “Tell me what you are you thinking.”
				+ “Is there another way you could do that?”
* Give your child specific feedback:
	+ “I like the way you…”
	+ “Great work on…”
* Be aware of the time. You will need to stay focused and on-task to complete the stations.
* Keep your noise level to a minimum.
 | * Bring siblings. They distract you from your child and the work being completed.
* Bring too many adult family members. There will most likely be 4 families in our room at one time. When parents and grandparents come, our room becomes way too squishy.
* Make general comments like, “Good job.”
* Talk on your cellphone or to other parents while your child is showing you their work.
* Correct your child’s work or do it for them – the purpose of the evening is not to have work perfected.
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