Communicating with your students teachers and how to request a conference

When should I talk with my child's teacher? Early and Often. Contact your child's teacher or teachers the beginning of the year or as soon as you can. Get aquatinted and show your interest. If you notice a big change in your child's behavior, school performance or attitude during the school year, contact the teacher immediately.

Requesting a Conference: A conference may be requested by:
- Calling the school's main office and speak to one of the secretaries.
- Sending a note or an email to the teacher requesting a conference.

Getting the most out of a parent-teacher conference:
Be prepared to listen as well as to talk. It helps to write out questions before you leave home. Also jot down what you want to tell the teacher. Be prepared to take notes during the conference and ask for an explanation if you don't understand something.

In conferences, the teacher should offer specific details about your child's work and progress. If your child has already received some grades, ask how your child is being evaluated.

Talk about your child's talents, skills, hobbies, study habits and any special sensitivities such as concern about weight or speech difficulties.

Tell the teacher is you think your child needs special help and about any special family situation or event that might affect your child's ability to learn. Mention such things as a new baby, an illness or recent or upcoming deployment.

Ask about specific ways to help your child at home. Try to have an open mind

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Think about what the teacher has said and then follow up. If the teacher has told you that your child needs to improve in certain areas, check back in a few weeks to see how things are going.

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