

## Student Led Conferences

November 6, 2016

Dear Families,

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, Centennial will be holding student led conferences. These conferences are a little different than traditional Parent/Teacher conferences. During student led conferences, your child will be taking the lead. Having children take the lead when discussing their learning can be very powerful and help students create goals for themselves, even in kindergarten and first grade.

Each conference will be 30 minutes long. The format of Student Led Conferences will allow you and your child to have some personal time going through his/her work before we talk as a group. S/he will begin (for the first 10 minutes) by reading books to you and sharing his/her writing, demonstrating strategies s/he has been learning and demonstrating what target s/he is working on. S/he will then have another 10 minutes to show you his/her math and what we have been working on in Literacy Labs (namely planning and building a toy). Looking through your child's work first, will allow you time to see what s/he has been doing before we discuss your child progress. The last 10 minutes of the conference will be with your child and me, discussing the growth your child has already made, setting goals and talking about strategies for continuing this growth. There will also be time for answering any questions you may have.

When you sign up for a conference, you may notice that there is some overlap in the times. This is because there will be two additional families in the room at the same time working with their child. Please be assured that our time talking together will be uninterrupted. After our time together, if you feel the need to have a private conference, I will work with you to set up an additional time to talk.

To sign up for a student led conference, please go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4caead2daaf49-student>

If you have any ideas for the class or questions, please let me know.

Best,

Chris