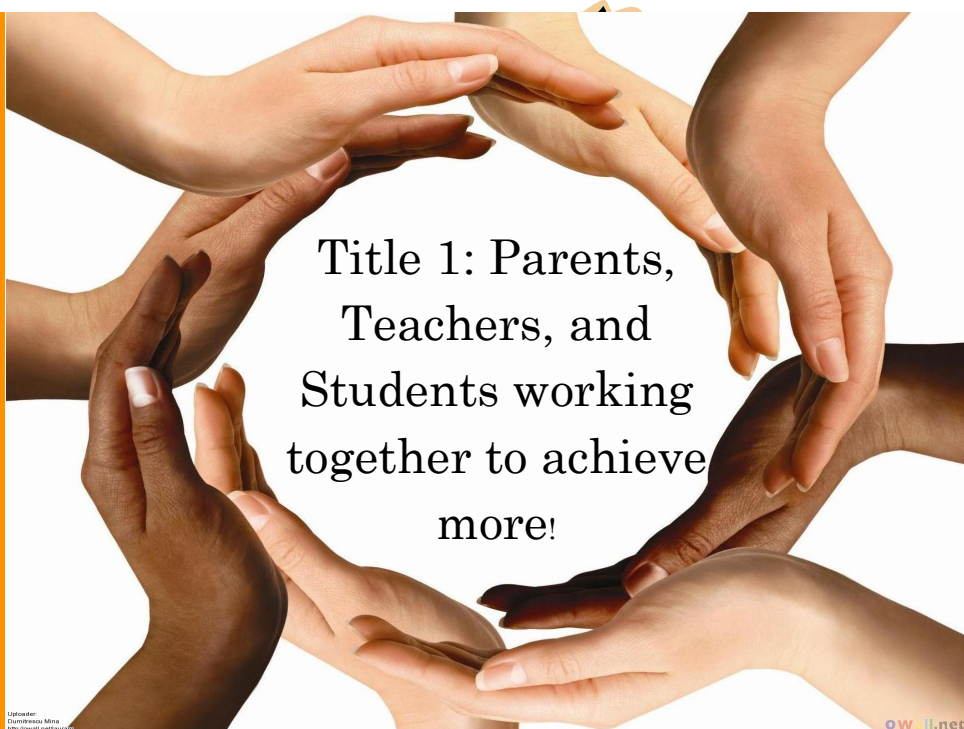




# Parents Matter

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Title 1: Parents,  
Teachers, and  
Students working  
together to achieve  
more!

Naumann Elementary School's Title I  
Parent Newsletter

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is now open Monday-Thursday in Mrs. Giulvezan's Room from 7:15-7:45.

Breakfast Club is a place where your child can go before school starts to...

- Play math and reading games
- Finish homework
- Get help on school work
- Read

Breakfast is not served, but students may bring breakfast with them if they wish.

## Reading and Math Tips for Busy Families

- ❖ Carry books in a bag wherever you go.
- ❖ Put books next to the bathtub.
- ❖ Put books, magazines, and comic books in your child's room.
- ❖ Have your child write the grocery list.
- ❖ Have your child read road signs while in the car.
- ❖ Make your own books. A few photos in a small photo album easily do the trick. Your child can write captions or speech bubbles to match the pictures.
- ❖ On vacation? Read in the car or airplane.
- ❖ Help your child write letters or email family members.
- ❖ Do crossword puzzles with your child.
- ❖ Let your child read menus when you go out for lunch or dinner.
- ❖ Play word games like Hangman and Boggle.
- ❖ Play math games like Mastermind, Connect-4, and Battleship.
- ❖ Share a notebook with your child. Write to each other!
- ❖ Read or create comic books with your child.
- ❖ Have directions for your child? Have your child write them down.
- ❖ Play "I'm thinking of a number between..."
- ❖ Play counting games. Count by 2, 3, 4, etc.

## Teachable Moments

*Children learn best when learning about what they love!*

A child's brain is like a sponge. Using his or her senses, a child's job is to explore the world. Every experience a child has with touch, taste, smell, hearing, and sight becomes a connection in the brain. When a child plays, he or she is learning.

When a child is late for school because he or she was studying the spider web outside the window or lagging behind on a walk to the store because he or she is sorting rocks along the sidewalk, this is an opportunity for a *teachable moment*.

What is a teachable moment? A teachable moment occurs when a child takes interest in an object or an idea. Classroom teachers know that it is important to use teachable moments. Teachable moments are a gift. What a child does during a teachable moment will stay with him or her for a long time.

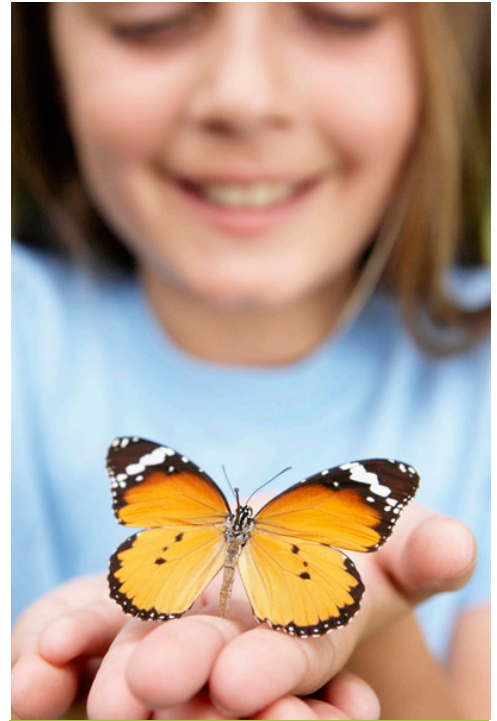
When parents are given this gift, it is a sign to slow down and have a conversation. Parents don't have to be experts at the life cycle of a frog or know what each different rock is called to ask their child some reflective questions:

- What does it remind you of?
- What do you think it is?
- What do you wonder about it?
- What do you notice?

Parents don't have to know any of the answers to these questions. In fact, if they do, sometimes it benefits children more if they go through the thinking process. When parents answer, "I don't know, what do you think?" children get practice in the critical thinking skills that will help make them successful at school.

### Questions? Comments?

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### Celebrate Teachable Moments!

When your child has taken an interest in a topic...

Create a book

Record observations over time in a science notebook

Make a movie

Create a power point

Create a comic strip

Design a poster

Visit the library

Search the Internet

Rent a movie

Make a model

Create a bookmark

Create a video journal

Create a documentary