



James Douglas Parent Advisory Council Meeting

The parent and staff meeting on October 20 was very interesting and useful. About 40-50 of us listened to a practical talk by Linda O'Reilly on helping our kids learn good study habits and be organized.

We discussed roles: Parents do not do the homework for our children, but we are cheerleaders and support them doing it in a regular, consistent routine. A positive, "I can do it" attitude is an important characteristic of a successful student.

Linda encouraged us to communicate with the classroom teacher if there are any concerns or to clarify homework expectations.

She suggested putting this checklist on the fridge:

PROJECTS: FOUR IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. When is the project due?
 - Put date on calendar
2. Who is involved?
 - Plan times to meet
3. What is this project asking me/us to do?
 - Look at the big picture
 - Break project into parts
 - Make a "QUICK SKETCH" – written plan
4. What materials will I need to do this project?
 - Make a list
 - Plan a trip to the library

There was no business part of the meeting this time.

Family Photo night November 5th and 6th at the Main School

Hope to see everybody at the
Douglas Craft Fair Saturday, November 15
11:00 – 3:00
in the Main School gym

Tell your friends and neighbours!

If you can help set up or take down, please phone La Nein Harrison, 604-327-8898



Next PAC meeting is November 17, at 7:00
in the Main School staff room