

A Prayer for the Parent-Teacher Meeting

We're both a little defensive, Father,
as we meet face to face.
I'm worried about what I'll say;
mom and dad are worried about what they'll hear;
and we're both worried about what the other is thinking.

Father, let them think kindly of me.
While they have primary responsibility for their child,
help them to know that every child is important to me too.
In a sense, children belong to all of us,
and I invest a great deal of time, effort and skill
in teaching every child that comes to me.



Father, let me think kindly of them.
Teach me to treat every parent with **empathy, respect, integrity and compassion.**
Keep me from sitting in judgment and automatically blaming them for their
child's problems, and benevolently bestowing my advice.
Remind me that, while I have to cope with their child for six hours a day,
they have to live with him/her.

We're both a little defensive Father, so ease the tension.
Give us problem solving strength that comes from working together.
Help us both realize that the common bond we share is the growth and
development of the child as a faith-filled productive human being.

Amen.