

LAP- Learning Assistance Program
School, Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Arthur Jacobsen

Elementary

2020-2021



The mission of A.J.
is to provide a
welcoming, safe,
learning community
committed to
positive relationships and
academic excellence.

Arthur Jacobsen Elementary and the LAP program recognize that children have successful educational experiences when families and teachers work together to assist and support the children in their academic endeavors. The following are ways that LAP works in partnership with the parents to promote the educational success of the students.

Communication/School Climate:

Communication is a key element in the building of the parent/school partnership. All students at AJ benefit from our school-wide LAP reading and math support. All students may have the opportunity to use quality math and reading materials purchased with LAP funds. LAP allows for smaller class size during Intervention Time (during online learning)/Walk to Read Groups (when in the schoolhouse) in grades K-4.

A LAP Student Learning Plan and Compact is sent home each fall with all students. At this time, parents are asked to commit to ways they will be able to help their children at home. Throughout the course of the year newsletters, telephone calls, email, LAP progress reports, Open House, and conferences are provided to ensure school/parent communication.

Parent Education:

Parenting requires continuing support to assist children's educational needs. Back to School Night, Open House and Parent Nights are offered throughout the course of the year (due to Covid 19 we may not be able to do these in person this school year.) Instead we have an online program called Ready Rosie to offer to parents. We will start with kindergarten parents and work our way up the grades until our subscription slots have been filled. These programs offer many suggestions of ways parents can help their children at home. Newsletters contain suggestions for assisting their children in a variety of ways.

Parent conferences also allow the time for parents to receive assistance in how to support their children's learning.

Involvement in School:

Parent involvement is encouraged. During a typical school year, the Arthur Jacobsen Elementary LAP program has an open-door policy. Parents are welcome to come and observe their children during Walk to Read instruction for all grades. I'm sure many of you've overheard and/or seen your student working online with the LAP staff this year! To help enhance this involvement, the reading room is open for visitation during parent conference week. Feel free to stop by and see first-hand what kinds of things your children are learning at school and how you can support this at home.

Learning at Home:

The LAP program encourages students to practice their skills at home with the help of their parents. Students are encouraged to participate in the Accelerated Reading and school wide reading programs. Teachers send homework that supports the reading curriculum.

Parent Input:

Parents will have an opportunity to indicate activities that they feel would be helpful to them in helping their children at home. At the end of the year, parents are surveyed to evaluate LAP support for reading and plan for the next school year. Starting in January we will be sending home supplemental "take-home" reading kits; this was an idea suggested by parents in past years!

Extended Learning Opportunities:

All extended learning opportunities are dependent on LAP funding. Opportunities may include before or after school programs. This year we will not have Extended Day math unless/until we have a hybrid model and are back in the schoolhouse. Summer School program for students at selected grades may be offered. We hope to make summer school fairly robust this year. You will receive information on such opportunities as funds are made available.

Please feel free to stop by, email or call if you have any questions. I can be reached at 253-931-4960 or mdnelson@auburn.wednet.edu

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