



## *Standard 4 Reflection on "A Word for Parents" - Angela Jurgensen*

I have chosen a page of my personal website, "A Word For Parents", as evidence of my understanding of the important role parents play in the education of their children. This was not a requirement for any class, simply thoughts I wanted to express to all the parents out there; I wanted them to know how much I value their children's education, and how much I believe they can help, even in little ways.

Through my practice, I have overheard many things that show me how important a parent's opinion regarding a child's ability or even a particular subject are to the child. I wanted to write something that encouraged parents to think of their child as an individual, able to achieve not equally or less, but more than they ever did. I want to work together with parents to help every student succeed.

On the other hand, parents can give you insight of what is going on outside the classroom. During my practicum, I contacted parents a couple of times, to find out why students were behaving a certain way, or missing class. They were very appreciative of my concern, and very helpful.

This evidence shows my commitment to my students, as well as my respect for their parents and my willingness to connect and discuss anything they wish to, in regards to their child's education. Let's throw the parents back in the soup where they belong...

*What is the most efficient way you found to communicate with parents?*