

Mentor, Parent, and Student Responsibilities

Students should:

1. Choose a topic you find interesting.
2. Keep your work organized.
3. Keep track of deadlines on a calendar and plan ahead.
4. Work on your Honors Project without being asked -- it is not your parents' job to keep you on task.
5. Try your best.
6. Ask when you need help.

Mentors should:

1. Help students find information about their topics by arranging field trips, setting up interviews, and preparing with the student ahead of time. (That could mean meeting fifteen minutes early and writing questions together)
2. Meeting with your student regularly to check up on progress. Many mentors have found that 45 minutes to an hour every two weeks works well for check-ins.
3. Be willing to read a student's first draft and offer constructive critique as well as encouragement.
4. Familiarize yourself with the resources on this site so that you are able to help guide the student's inquiry process from beginning to end.
5. Attend either the student's presentation or Honoring Night and share a few words about your work with your student. Traditionally, mentors try to attend Honoring Night (April 12) and many attend both the presentation and the ceremony.

Parents should:

1. Help your child find a mentor.
2. Help your child set short term, attainable goals and mark those goals on a calendar. Check in with your child daily to mark his or her progress.
3. Transport your child to the library, field trips, or interviews as needed.
4. Communicate promptly with the teacher or mentor if you have any concerns.
5. Provide a space in which your child can organize his or her materials.
6. Familiarize yourself with the resources on this site so that you are able to support your child's work with his or her mentor.
7. Attend your child's presentation and Honoring Night. This is a big moment for Prairie Creek Students and we ask you make every effort to be a part of it. The entire family is, of course, welcome to both events. Often grandparents try to schedule visits to attend as well.