

Two Sculptors

I dreamed I saw a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher – the tools he used
Were books, music, and art.
The other; a parent, worked with a guiding hand,
And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled with a touch
That was careful, deft, and sure,
While the parent labored by his side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last, their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If either had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.

Anonymous

About My Child

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! So that I may get to know you and your child better, I would like for you to tell me a little about your child's life at home. Please answer the following questions (use the back of this paper if necessary,) and return it to me as soon as possible. Your input is appreciated and invaluable.

Sincerely,

- Describe your child as a person.
- What are your expectations for your child's school year?
- What does your child say about school at home?
- What are your child's interests and strengths?
- In what areas do you think your child needs to improve?
- Please include any other information that you feel may be valuable for me to know.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Child: _____

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