

FCS Room Parent Program

Purpose	The purpose of the room parent program at FCS is to support teachers and build community.
Room Parent Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Welcome new families to FCS● Organize a class social in the fall● Coordinate a group gift for the teacher twice a year● Support teacher in planning and coordinating class parties and special events● Support teacher, students, and parents in ways specific to the class● Provide encouragement to teachers
Parent Tips for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Send an introductory email to the teacher(s) and parents● Talk with the teacher to ask what support will be helpful● Set communication expectations with the teacher (when and how)● Ask parents at the beginning of the year how they are interested in contributing to the class● Follow the teacher's lead. Some teachers don't have many room parent projects - that's ok!
Teacher Tips for Working with a Room Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fill out or update the Teacher Favorite Things form to help your room parent get to know you● Decide how and when you want help - don't "create" projects, just <i>identify</i> them● Meet with your room parent to make a plan - be clear about what you don't want as well as what you do want
Other Sample Room Parent Activities	<p>Room parents could also provide or coordinate parents to help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Classroom or hallway decorations● Craft, lab, or project preparations● Classroom readers● Special activity preparations (e.g. bike day, field trips)● Copying