



Staying Connected

Elementary Schools

Create a homework page that would include what lessons and goals are being taught in your classroom. Included in this homework page you could list a variety of different activities that reinforce the lessons being taught at school.

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Reading-Conference-Form-1548553>

Dinner Conversation Hearts

Cut out multiple-colored hearts making them big enough for children to write on! Write the classic conversation hearts sayings all in uppercase letters on your hearts.

DINNER CONVERSATION HEARTS. On the opposite side write out interesting and conversation provoking questions. Hang a ribbon close to your dinner table with the classic conversation hearts facing outward. Go around in a circle giving out answers and letting others comment and ask questions about each answer. Take turns picking one heart each night with the question. Here are some examples of questions you could ask. You might want to send home a small packet of these hearts.

What is your favorite game to play?
What is your favorite subject to learn about?
What do you want to get better at?
What is your favorite book?
What is your favorite sport?
What character from a book/movie or TV show would you like to be?
What was your least favorite ride at the fair or carnival?
What is your favorite food?
What is your favorite room in the house to read in?
If you could visit any country in the world where would you go?
What do you want to be when you grow up?
I think some Elementary families would enjoy the MS/HS Poetry Contest also.



Middle School/High School

Favorite Love Songs from High School

Our students and our own children love to hear and see what we were like in Middle School and High School. Send home a text, message to families asking them to write down/text the love songs that were popular when they were in MS/HS. Provide a day where students can listen to their family's oldies but goodies and talk about that music. You could even have students look up the lyrics for the songs and compare the generational music. You could use a Venn Diagram for this activity.

***Be cautious of the language in some of the songs. It might not be acceptable.*

Family Trivia

Get your children's competitive juices flowing with some family-friendly trivia questions? A list of Trivia questions for you to use, can be found at Waterford or you can make your own trivia questions about your family. Get to know each other better. Have each family member think of interesting things about themselves for trivia questions. Take turns sharing questions and having family members guess the answers.

<https://www.waterford.org/resources/fun-family-trivia-questions-for-kids/>

Poetry Contest

Create a class Poetry Contest. Ask families to submit a poem for the contest by a certain date. Families could choose which kind of poem they want to compete in. You could have different judges for each group. Take names off the poem and assign numbers so judging is fair for everyone. You could award certificates, prizes, in each category. Acknowledge these poets on the school website, class website, etc. Here is a helpful site for choosing the different categories and examples of these poems. <https://www.literacyideas.com/>

