



Staying Connected

How To Help Your Child At Home

Offer a one-hour session for families on how to help their child at home. Give parents information about how to work with their children at home or find a tutor or after-school-program. When student tests reports come back, help parents analyze the information and identify skills areas that still need work.

Promote Family Literacy With A Book Study

Teacher would choose 2 or 3 books for families to pick from. Have families vote on the book that they be interested in reading. Once the book is decided up, host weekly virtual book studies with families and students. Encourage families to participate by offering incentives periodically. If you need suggestions on books to read talk to your school librarian.

Cookie Recipe Cookbook

Have families share a favorite cookie recipe, create a Cookie Recipe Book from the family recipes and share between families. It would be fun to include a family photo with the recipe. Have the children decorate the book with their own artwork?

Drop In

Invite parents/guardians to drop in at the school on their way home from work to engage in some friendly conversation. Just to talk!

Hot Cocoa and Story Family Night

Invite families to an evening of hot cocoa and stories. Provide stories about how holidays are celebrated in other countries. Ask for parent volunteers to read these stories and share with the children how the holidays are celebrated in their native country. Provide materials for an activity representative to that specific culture for the book that was read.

Visit your local librarian for resources regarding holidays celebrated around the world.

Gifts For Nursing Home Residents

Ask for the names or just the number of residents who reside in a home and have your students create a special piece of artwork for them. Draw a picture, create a paper wreath for their door, a window decoration, ornament, something small for the residents. It always feels good to give and spread kindness.

Record a Poem

Have students make a recording/video reading a variety of different holiday poetry to share with either younger students who attend their school or to share with a group home, nursing home residents, etc. You could also just have the students write poems and have them posted in the school newsletter, display them at the local bank, corridor of the school gymnasium, other community gathering places.