



ENGAGING WITH PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



"Studies suggest that parental involvement can lead to academic gains for students: higher grades and test scores, improved social skills and time on task, better attendance and participation, and decreased behavioral problems in the classroom" (Tutt, 2021)



OPEN HOUSE/CURRICULUM NIGHT EVENT

- Great way for face-to-face introductions
- Try to do more than one per year if possible
- Make sure to know what holidays families celebrate and be cognizant of not scheduling school events on days that might conflict
- Allow students to "host" it by letting them lead in showing their parents what they have been working on

CLASSROOM APP/WEBSITE

- Can be used to give real-time classroom updates – still private for parents
- Allows kids to share their learning with their parents too directly through the app and makes real-time updates easier
- Google Translate, ClassDojo, or the Remind app can translate communications and reduce language barriers



BEST FOR ME AT EASHAVEN

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

- Introduce yourself for a personal connection – video introductions for parents who can't attend school events
- Share the classroom calendar showing current or upcoming projects sharing value to their child's learning
- Videos of the classroom space for parents to see students engaged during the school day
- Use to share positive things such as letting parents know child's successes in the classroom



Sources:

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