

**Annual Parent Engagement Activities**

Activity	Description
<b>Read With Me</b>	Children take home a weekly tote bag with books, journals & writing materials to share reading with someone in their family. After the shared reading, the children draw a picture in their journal and parents write a story as dictated by the child. This literacy project is a favorite with families.
<b>Read With Dad</b>	Children take home a weekly tote bag with books, journals & writing materials to share reading with a male figure in their life. After the shared reading, the children draw a picture in their journal and male figure writes a story as dictated by the child. This literacy project has increased male involvement.
<b>Literacy Night</b>  <b>Milk &amp; Cookie Activity</b>	Children and families enjoy activities related to a chosen children's book. They listen to a reading of the story, enjoy chocolate milk and cookies, take home related activities, and enjoy performances by the children. Many children also invite their extended families including grandparents  Parents and children enjoy an evening of reading books together while snacking on milk and cookies. At the end of the evening, children are able to select their favorite book to take home. This literacy project is enjoyed by families.
<b>Five-A-Day Parade</b>	Parents and children make costumes that represent their favorite fruit or vegetable. The food service staff conducts a food related lesson with the children and they have the opportunity to taste a variety of fruits and vegetables. Lastly, the children wear their costumes as they parade through the school for all to celebrate healthy eating.
<b>Parent Training Courses – Online training modules – various topics</b>	The program offers a variety of training topics to parents through online training modules, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Child Discipline</li> <li>✓ Emergency Preparedness</li> <li>✓ Child Development</li> <li>✓ Nutrition Budgeting</li> <li>✓ Nutrition</li> <li>✓ School Bus Safety</li> <li>✓ Managing Your Money</li> <li>✓ Healthy Relationships</li> <li>✓ Family Violence</li> <li>✓ Employment Success</li> </ul>
<b>Parent Training Courses – Online training modules – nutrition related topics</b>	The program offers a variety of nutrition related training topics to parents through online training modules, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Healthy Eating Out</li> <li>✓ Healthy Snacks</li> <li>✓ Healthy Weight Gain</li> <li>✓ Physical Activity</li> <li>✓ Sugar Sweetened Beverages</li> <li>✓ Picky Eating</li> <li>✓ Life Style Habits to Promote a Healthy Weight</li> <li>✓ Anemia</li> </ul>

<b>Parenting Education – Love &amp; Logic Curriculum</b>	Throughout the school year, parents have the opportunity to attend a variety of parenting education topics as selected by the majority of families.
<b>Volunteering in the Classroom</b>	Parents and community members are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom. They are first cleared through the Criminal History Inquiry process and attend volunteer training.
<b>Parent – Child Home Activities</b>	Teachers send home with children monthly activities for parents to do with their child to extend their learning into the home environment. Typically, the activities are theme related to what is being learned in the classroom or a particular skill that the individual child needs more time to work on.
<b>Transition to Kindergarten</b>	The last Parent Committee meeting of the school year features Transition to Kindergarten as the primary topic. This information is also provided by the classroom teachers during their last home visit meeting with parents.
<b>Program Governance Training</b>	Parents are trained in Parliamentary Procedures / Robert's Rules of Order at the first Parent Committee meeting. Policy Council is also trained regarding their specific roles and responsibilities.
<b>Parent Committee Meetings</b>	Parents have the opportunity to attend Parent Committee meetings five times per school year to discuss local issues and attend a parent education topic. This activity supports program governance.
<b>Policy Council Meetings</b>	Parents are encouraged to participate in the monthly Policy Council meetings as a representative of their site. This program governance activity gives a voice to parents as they guide the direction of program design and decisions.