



# Communication Topics



Month	Topic	Parent: Sample questions to consider when communicating with your child's teacher	Teacher: Sample questions to consider when communicating with parents
August	Back to School/ School Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the best way to communicate with my child's teacher?</li> <li>• What is the best way for my child's teacher to communicate with me?</li> <li>• What is the best time for me to contact my child's teacher?</li> <li>• What can I do to help my child attend school every day?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the best way to communicate with my students' parents?</li> <li>• What is the best way for parents to communicate with me?</li> <li>• What is the best time to contact my students' parents?</li> <li>• What can I do to promote good attendance?</li> </ul>
September	School Involvement: Student Goals for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What will my child learn this year?</li> <li>• What learning goals will we set together?</li> <li>• What programs should my child be involved in at school?</li> <li>• How much homework will my child have?</li> <li>• What supports are available to me as I assist my child with homework?</li> <li>• How can I be involved in my child's learning?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do I explain the standards and assessments for my students?</li> <li>• What online grading system is available to parents?</li> <li>• What educational opportunities are available for students?</li> <li>• What are homework expectations for my students?</li> <li>• How can I involve parents in ways that support learning?</li> <li>• How can parents get involved in school programs?</li> </ul>
October	Parent/Teacher Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is my child progressing?</li> <li>• What can I do to help my child?</li> <li>• What questions should I ask my child's teacher?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is the student progressing in relation to the learning standards?</li> <li>• Is the student prepared to move to the next level of learning?</li> <li>• What support can I offer to a struggling student?</li> <li>• What questions will the parents have about ACT, college registration?</li> <li>• What can parents do to help their children?</li> </ul>
November	Helping My Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do I help my child be a better reader?</li> <li>• How do I help my child learn math?</li> <li>• How can I use math in my home?</li> <li>• How can I help my child to read 30 minutes per day?</li> <li>• How can I encourage other children in my neighborhood to be strong readers and mathematicians?</li> <li>• What courses will my child need to take to graduate on time and be college and career ready?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What recommendations can I give parents for supporting reading and mathematics?</li> <li>• How can I remove the barriers that are blocking a particular student's success?</li> <li>• What should parents know about college and career readiness?</li> </ul>
December	Serving the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can my child get involved in community service?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What community service opportunities are available for my students?</li> </ul>

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January	Goals for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is my child progressing?</li> <li>• Is my child meeting the expected learning goals?</li> <li>• Is my child actively engaged in learning?</li> <li>• How can I be involved in my child's learning experience?</li> <li>• What are the homework goals for this semester?</li> <li>• What supports are available to me as I help my child with homework?</li> <li>• Is my child on track to graduate on time?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is the student progressing to meet the grade level standards?</li> <li>• Does the homework provide appropriate practice for skills that have already been taught?</li> <li>• How can parents get involved in school?</li> <li>• How can I help parents assist their children with homework?</li> </ul>
February	Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do I tell my child about state testing?</li> <li>• What can I do to limit test anxiety?</li> <li>• How can I help my child be prepared for testing?</li> <li>• When will I receive my child's results?</li> <li>• What will I learn about my child from the testing results?</li> <li>• When does my child need to take the ACT or SAT?</li> <li>• Is my child on track to be eligible for scholarships?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is my student progressing in relation to the standards?</li> <li>• Is my student on track for college and career readiness?</li> <li>• What can I do to reduce test anxiety?</li> <li>• What do I need to tell my students about the tests?</li> <li>• How do I help my students prepare for the ACT or SAT?</li> </ul>
March	Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do I talk with my child about college and careers?</li> <li>• How can I help my child apply what they learn in school to everyday activities?</li> <li>• Does my child utilize mathematical problem solving?</li> <li>• Is my child a proficient reader?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do my lessons show how students will use their knowledge in college and careers?</li> <li>• How can my students apply what they learning to everyday life?</li> <li>• How can my students use math at home?</li> </ul>

April	Goals for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will I know if my child is making progress?</li> <li>• If my child is not making progress, how can I help?</li> <li>• What learning goals have been met?</li> <li>• Is my child actively engaged in learning?</li> <li>• Is my child meeting homework goals?</li> <li>• What plans is my child make for the future?</li> <li>• Is my child college and career ready?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is the student progressing to meet the grade level standards?</li> <li>• Are students meeting the homework expectations?</li> <li>• How can I help parents become involved in school (PTO, PTA, Booster, athletic events, classroom helper)?</li> <li>• Are my students college and career ready?</li> </ul>
May	Maximize Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do I keep my child engaged in learning activities this summer?</li> <li>• Does my child have reading materials for the summer?</li> <li>• Does my child have engaging math activities at home?</li> <li>• Where can I find summer reading programs?</li> <li>• What summer courses are available for my child?</li> <li>• What summer experiences are available for my child?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What learning activities can I recommend for summer?</li> <li>• What summer reading programs are available?</li> <li>• How can my students use math this summer?</li> <li>• What summer experiences are available to my students (Boys and Girls State, Arkansas Governor's School, summer school programs, Upward Bound, STEM opportunities, local library reading programs, ACT/SAT prep)?</li> </ul>