



Communication Topics



2015-2016

Month	College and Career Readiness Topic	Parent: Sample questions to consider when communicating with your child's teacher	Teacher: Sample questions to consider when communicating with parents	Student Safety 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"> • What is the best way to communicate with my child's teacher? • What is the best way for my child's teacher to communicate with me? • When is the best time for me to contact my child's teacher? • What can I do to help my child attend school every day? • What information is available in my child's school handbook? • Is my child on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the best way to communicate with my students' parents? • What is the best way for parents to communicate with me? • What is the best time to contact my students' parents? • What can I do to promote good attendance? • What are the application deadlines for summer educational programs (Boys and Girls State, 	School Bus Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should I tell my child about getting on and off the school bus? • What should I tell my child about walking to and from the school bus stop? • What can I do to remind Arkansas motorists about school bus safety? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the best way to communicate with my students' parents about school bus safety? • How can my school get involved in the Flashing Red. Kids Ahead. campaign? • What are some helpful tips I can give to my students' parents about school bus safety?

		track/timeline for college? What are the deadlines for ACT and SAT registration?	Arkansas Governor's School, summer school programs, Upward Bound, STEM opportunities, local library reading programs, ACT/SAT prep)?			
September	School Involvement: Student Goals for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will my child learn this year? • What learning goals will we set together? • What programs should my child be involved in at school? • How much homework will my child have? • What supports are available to me as I assist my child with homework? • How can I be involved in my child's learning? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do parents need to know about learning standards and assessments? • What online grading system is available to parents? • What educational opportunities are available for students? • What are the homework expectations for my students? • How can I involve parents in ways that support learning? • How can parents get involved in school programs? 	National Preparedness Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does my child know what to do in case of an emergency? • Does my family have an emergency supply kit? • What does my child need to know about natural disasters? • Does my child know how to get in touch with family members if we are not together when an emergency occurs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do my students know what to do in case of an emergency? • How do I help my students' parents discuss natural disasters with their children? • What information can I give parents about preparing for disasters?
October	Parent/Teacher Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is my child progressing? • What can I do to help my child? • What questions should I ask my child's teacher? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are my students progressing in relation to the learning standards? • Are my students prepared to move to the next level of learning? 	National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month Flu Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I know if my child is being bullied? • How do I know if my child is a bully? • How can my child's teacher help if my child is being bullied? • How can I protect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can I do to prevent bullying in my school or classroom? • How can I help a student who is a victim of bullying? • How can I help a student who is a bully?

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What support can I offer to a struggling student? • What questions will parents have about ACT and college registration? • What can parents do to help their children? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • my child against cyberbullying? • What does my child's school handbook say about bullying? • What are some precautions my family can take to avoid getting the flu? • When is my child too sick to attend school? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What recommendations can I give my students' parents on preventing cyberbullying? • What information should be communicated to parents about flu prevention?
November	Helping My Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I help my child be a better reader? • How do I help my child learn math? • How can I use math at home? • How can I help my child read 30 minutes per day? • How can I encourage other children in my neighborhood to be strong readers and mathematicians? • What courses will my child need to take to graduate on time and be college and career ready? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What recommendations can I give parents for supporting reading and mathematics at home? • How can I remove the barriers that block a student's success? • What should parents know about college and career readiness? 	School Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I communicate with the school if my child is a diabetic or has other health issues? • What supplies should I send to school with my child if he or she is diabetic or has other health issues? • What can the school nurse do to help my child? • Is my child eating a healthy lunch each day? • Does my child's school have a school health center? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I help my student who is diabetic or has other health issues? • Do I have the correct contact information for parents/guardians in case of an emergency? • Where can I learn more about diabetes and other health issues?

December	Serving the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can my child get involved in community service? • Why is community service important for my child? • What can my child learn from doing community service? • Are there families at our school that need assistance? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What community service opportunities are available for my students? • What community service opportunities can parents and children do together? • What learning opportunities are available through community service? 	Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I make sure my child's toys are safe? • What does it mean when a toy is labeled "supervision required"? • What exercise options are available to my child during the winter break? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the best way to communicate with my students' parents about toy and gift safety? • What resources can I share with parents about making safe toy and gift purchases? • What physical activities can I recommend for students during the winter break?
January	Goals for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is my child progressing? • Is my child meeting expected learning goals? • Is my child actively engaged in learning? • How can I be involved in my child's learning experience? • What are the homework goals for this semester? • What supports are available to me as I help my child with homework? • Is my child on track to graduate on time? • Do my child's actions celebrate diversity/heritage? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are my students progressing to meet grade-level standards? • Does homework provide appropriate practice for skills that have been taught? • How can parents get involved in school? • How can I help parents assist their children with homework? • Does my classroom celebrate diversity/heritage? 	Flu Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some precautions my family can take to avoid getting the flu? • What should I do if my child gets the flu? • Is my child dressing appropriately for winter weather? • Do I know what the required immunizations are for the next school year? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I communicate with parents about flu season? • What should I do if a child develops flu-like symptoms during the school day? • What can I do to help my students stay healthy during flu season?

February	Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do I tell my child about state testing? • What can I do to limit test anxiety? • How can I help my child be prepared for testing? • When will I receive my child's results? • What will I learn about my child from the testing results? • When does my child need to take the ACT or SAT? • Is my child on track to be eligible for scholarships? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do I need to tell my students about the tests? • What can I do to reduce test anxiety? • How do I help my students prepare for the ACT or SAT? • How are my students progressing in relation to the learning standards? • Are my students on track for college and career readiness? 	National School Counseling Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do I know who my child's school counselor is? • What kind of assistance can my child's school counselor give me or my child? • When should I contact my child's school counselor? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can parents contact the school counselor? • How can the school counselor help students and parents?
March	Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I talk with my child about college and careers? • How can I help my child apply what he or she learns in school to everyday activities? • How can my child use technology to enhance learning? • How do I help my child utilize mathematical problem solving? • How do I help my child become a proficient reader? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do my lessons show how students will use their knowledge in college and careers? • How can my students apply what they learn to everyday life? • How can my students use math at home? • How does my class celebrate Read Across America? 	National Severe Weather Preparedness Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does my child know what to do if severe weather occurs while he or she is home alone? • Does my family have regular tornado drills? • Does my family have a prepared disaster kit? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there resources I can give my students to prepare them for severe weather? • How will parents be notified in case of severe weather?

April	Goals for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will I know if my child is making progress? • If my child is not making progress, how can I help? • What learning goals have been met? • Is my child actively engaged in learning? • Is my child meeting homework goals? • Is my child college and career ready? • What resources are available for assisting my child in college and career planning? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are my students progressing toward meeting grade-level standards? • Are my students meeting homework expectations? • How can I help parents become involved in school activities? • Are my students college and career ready? 	National Child Abuse Prevention Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do I do if I suspect a child is being abused? • How can I become involved in local child abuse prevention programs? • What are the signs that a child is being abused? • How should I communicate with my child's teacher if I suspect a student is being abused? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I support child abuse prevention programs in my community? • What are my responsibilities as a mandated reporter?
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May	Maximize Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I keep my child engaged in learning activities this summer? • Does my child have reading materials for the summer? • Does my child have engaging math activities at home? • Where can I find summer reading programs? • What summer courses are available for my child? • What summer experiences are available for my child? • What summer food programs are available for my child? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What learning activities can I recommend for summer? • What summer reading programs are available? • How can my students use math this summer? • What summer experiences are available to my students? 	National Allergy/Asthma Awareness Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I communicate with the school about my child's food allergies or asthma? • Does my child's school have my correct contact information in case of an emergency? • Who do I contact if my child needs medication during the day for his/her allergies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do I have correct parent contact information in case of an emergency? • What do I do if my student has a severe allergic reaction during the school day? • Do I know my school district's policy about dispensing medication? • What questions can I ask my student's parents about allergy or asthma triggers?
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