



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 Routines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How often should I communicate with my child's teacher? • How does establishing routines affect my child's performance at school? • How many hours of sleep each night does my child need in order to be prepared for school? • How will reading at home with my child each night affect my child's academic performance? • How can our morning schedule ensure my child is ready to learn? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I communicate with parents about the importance of a night and morning routine? • What can I do to establish classroom routines? • What supplies do my students need to be prepared each day? • What do I need to tell parents about the importance of reading at home? • How can I better communicate with parents on a consistent basis? 	School Bus Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I ensure my child gets safely to the bus stop on time? • What should I tell my child about walking to and from the school bus stop? • What safety tips about riding the bus can I share with my child? • What is the expected behavior on the bus? • As a motorist, what do I need to know about school bus safety? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What information can I share with parents about the Flashing Red. Kids Ahead. campaign? • What tips can I give to parents about school bus safety? • How can I incorporate school bus safety in my classroom?

September	School Attendance / Parent-Teacher Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is my child's school attendance policy? • How does missing school impact my child's learning? • If my child has to miss a day of school, how can I help my child catch up? • Why is attending parent-teacher conferences important? • What can I do to help my child accomplish goals in the classroom? • What can I do at home to help my child meet progress goals? • What do I need to know about Academic Improvement Plans (AIP)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I convey to parents the importance of student attendance? • How does missing a day of school affect my students' educational progress? • How can I encourage parents to attend parent-teacher conferences? • What information about student and class goals do I need to share with parents? • What resources can I share with parents to help their child succeed? • What information about Academic Improvement Plans (AIP) should I share with parents? 	National Preparedness Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I create an emergency plan for my family? • What information does my child need to know in case there is an emergency while at home? • What medical information does my child's school need to know in case my child gets sick at school? • How do I find out information about my child if there is an emergency at school? • Where should I pick up my child if my child's school closes early? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is my school's emergency policy and procedures? • What do I need to do if an emergency occurs during school hours? • What safety drills do I need to practice with my students in case of an emergency? • What parent contact information do I need to have for students? • How can I reassure parents that their child will be safe if an emergency occurs?
October	Read for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does reading each day help my child? • How much time should my child read each day? • How can I help my child with reading? • What can I do to promote reading at home? • How can I determine if my 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I promote the importance of reading in the classroom? • How can I help parents encourage reading at home? • What reading resources can I share with parents so they can help their child at home? • How can I help 	Red Ribbon Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What information can I share with my child about the dangers of using drugs? • How can I encourage my child to avoid dangerous drugs? • How can I show my child that I am committed to a drug-free life? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I promote Red Ribbon Week in my classroom? • How can I encourage parent involvement in drug prevention activities at school? • What resources can I give parents to help them promote a drug-free lifestyle at home? • How do I promote a

		<p>child is reading on grade level?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What reading services are available for my child at school and after school? 	<p>parents find appropriate reading materials for their child?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I get the community involved in reading programs at my school? • What reading programs does my school provide for students who need extra help? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can my child participate in Red Ribbon Week? • How can I become involved in Red Ribbon Week? 	<p>drug-free environment at school throughout the year?</p>
November	Technology Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is technology changing my child's education? • What types of technology devices and classes are available to my child? • What educational websites and apps are available to help my child? • How do I know if a website or app is appropriate for my child? • How can my child's teacher better communicate with me through an app? • How can my child learn more about coding at home? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I use technology as a learning tool in my own classroom? • What professional development about technology do I need? • What websites and apps will help my students with homework? • What apps can I use to communicate with parents and students? • How can I incorporate coding into my daily lessons? 	Flu Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What information about flu prevention can I share with my child? • When should my child receive the flu vaccine? • What are symptoms of the flu? • What is my child's school doing to prevent the flu? • If my child gets sick, how do I notify the school? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What flu prevention practices can I incorporate in my classroom? • What flu prevention tips can I share with parents? • How do I notify parents if a student gets sick while at school? • What can I do to avoid getting the flu?

December	Serving Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I help my child learn the importance of giving back to others? • What volunteer activities can my child and I do together? • What volunteer activities does my child's school promote? • How can my family volunteer throughout the year? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I set an example of service for my students? • What volunteer activities can I share with my students' parents? • How can my classroom help others? • What opportunities for serving others are available to my students throughout the year? 	Child Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What toys or video games are age appropriate for my child? • Where can I find a list of toys that have been recalled? • What can I do to ensure my child is safe during the winter vacation? • What educational activities can my child do during winter vacation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What resources about toy safety can I share with my students' parents? • What safety tips do I need to share with my students? • What educational activities can my students do during the winter vacation?
January	Preparing for the Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are my child's goals for the future? • How do I support my child so he/she reaches his/her goals? • What courses does my child need to take to be prepared for the future? • How do I know if my child is performing on grade level? • How and when does my child apply for scholarships and college? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What goals do I have for my students? • What resources can I share with parents so they can help their child set career goals? • What resources does our school counselor have to help students and parents prepare for the future? • What information, such as ACT registration and scholarship deadlines, can I share with my students' parents? 	Bullying Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What anti-bullying resources can I share with my child? • Who do I contact if my child is being bullied? • What do I do if my child is being a bully? • How can I let my child know that bullying is not acceptable behavior? • How can I reinforce kindness with my child? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What resources about bullying can I share with my students and their parents? • What is my school's policy on bullying? • What are the consequences of bullying at my school? • How can my class promote kindness in our school?

February	Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I prepare my child for upcoming tests? • How and when will I receive my child's test results? • How will the test results affect my child's academic progress? • How will the school use my child's test results? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I prepare my students for upcoming tests? • What information about testing can I share with my students' parents? • How and when will parents receive their child's test results? • How will I use test results to help my students? 	Managing Stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does stress impact my child's academic progress? • What behaviors should I look for that indicate my child is stressed? • How can I help my child manage stress? • What resources does the school have to help students manage stress? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the school counselor help students who are stressed? • What resources about managing stress can I share with my students and their parents? • What stress-coping activities can I utilize with my students? • How can I manage my stress so I can be the best teacher possible?
March	Setting Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are my child's short-term and long-term goals? • How can I support my child so he/she reaches his/her goals? • What activities and classes will help my child meet his/her goals? • What types of goals can we set as a family? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can I teach my students about setting short-term and long-term goals? • What resources can I share with my students to help them attain their goals? • What information about grade-level expectations can I share with my students' parents? 	Severe Weather Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is my family's plan in case of severe weather? • What does my child need to do if he/she is traveling to or from school during severe weather? • How do I communicate with my child's school if severe weather occurs? • How do I get a weather radio? • What should be included in my family's emergency kit? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do my students need to do if severe weather occurs while they are at school? • How can I help my students remain calm during severe weather? • What severe weather resources can I share with parents? • How do I communicate with parents if severe weather occurs?
April	Finish Strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I help my child remain focused at school? • How can I ensure my child continues to meet grade-level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can I share with parents about the importance of school attendance? • How can I ensure my students remain 	National Child Abuse Prevention Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the signs of child abuse? • What safety tips do I need to share with my child to prevent child abuse? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the signs of child abuse? • Who are mandated reporters? • What do I need to know about being a

		<p>expectations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I ensure my child has good attendance? • What can I do to encourage and support my child as he/she finishes the school year? 	<p>engaged in classroom activities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What resources can I share with parents to help them support their child at home? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I model open communication with my child? • Who do I contact if I suspect a child is being abused? 	<p>mandated reporter?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What child abuse prevention resources can I share with parents? • How do I encourage open communication with my students? • What should I do if I suspect a child is being abused?
May	Preparing for Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What educational activities are available this summer? • How can I help my child retain what was learned at school? • What volunteer activities are available this summer for my child? • What programs are available this summer at my child's school? • How can my child get involved in a summer reading program? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What academic resources can I share with parents so they can help their child this summer? • What community activities and programs are available this summer for students? • How can I support students who need additional assistance this summer? • What summer reading programs are available this summer? 	Summer Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What safety tips should I share with my child this summer? • How can I promote the proper use of safety equipment such as seat belts, life jackets and bicycle helmets? • What should my child do if he/she does not feel safe? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What summer safety tips can I share with students before the end of school? • What summer safety resources can I share with parents? • How can I help encourage safety for all students this summer?