

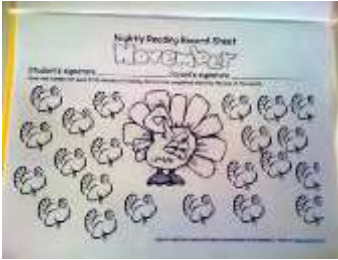
Making Connections with Families using *Free Online Resources*

There are so many awesome online resources available to help families support learning at home. Use this resource for inspiration!

Grades PK-K



Activity calendar



Reading Incentives



Cooking & Crafts

- **The Parent Power Pack from Dr. Jean's Website** – simply click and print http://www.drjean.org/html/monthly_act/act_2011/07_Jul_css/pg03.html



- **Brain Tickets & Conversation Starters:** Download these **brain tickets**. Each day before children leave school ask them to think of something new they learned. Hand them a brain ticket as they recall the day's events. Explain to the parents that they should expect their child to bring home a "brain ticket" each day. The parent's job is to ask what their child learned to earn it. **Hint!* Make tickets a different color each month. Download copies of the **conversation starters**. Cut them apart and place them in a bag. Children draw one as they leave the classroom and give it to their parents to encourage them to talk about their school day. http://www.drjean.org/html/monthly_act/act_2011/07_Jul_css/pg04.html Scroll to the bottom of the page to download these resources.

Addition Parent Communication Downloads from Dr. Jean!

http://www.drjean.org/html/monthly_act/act_2011/07_Jul_css/pg00.html

- The activity sheets included in this link are ready to print for reinforcement in reading, math, science and writing making it easy to extend your lessons at home

each month <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/activities-and-printables/printables/ages-3-5>

- Information to share with families about "**Raising a Reader**" can come in very handy for PK and K classrooms where the foundational skills of literacy development are enhanced from what children have learned at home (or in private care) and are the building blocks to ensuring success across subject areas for all students and they move into the upper elementary grades. Teachers can email families this link to the entire page or print out the sections (found under "This Guide Contains" and send each part home over the course of the first six weeks of school. <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/collection/milestones-expectations/raise-reader-parent-guide-to-reading-ages-3-5>

Grades 1-2

- The activity sheets included in this link are ready to print for reinforcement in reading, math, science and writing making it easy to extend your lessons at home each month. <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/activities-and-printables/printables/ages-6-7>
- Information to share with families about "**Raising a Reader**" can come in very handy for first and second grade classrooms where reading is honed to prepare kids for upper elementary rigor. Teachers can email families this link to the entire page or print out the sections (found under "This Guide Contains" and send each part home over the course of the first six weeks of school. <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/collection/milestones-expectations/raise-reader-parent-guide-to-reading-ages-6-7>

Grades 3-5

- The activity sheets included in this link are ready to print for reinforcement in reading, math, science and writing making it easy to extend your lessons at home each month <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/activities-and-printables/printables/ages-8-10>
 - Information to share with families about "**Raising a Reader**" can be very useful for third – fifth grade classrooms where reading is critical in ensuring success across subject areas for all students. Teachers can email families this link to the entire page or print out the sections (found under "This Guide Contains" and send each part home over the course of the first six weeks of school. <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/collection/milestones-expectations/raise-reader-parent-guide-to-reading-ages-8-10>
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Online Videos for Families to Jump Start Reading and Math Skills at Home

Grade PK3-K

- **“Roots of Reading”** is a nine clip video series to teach families about the importance of speaking and listening in their child’s reading development. This series can be sent home as Back to School Night homework task for families and can be discussed as a group –or- done in parts throughout the year as parents learn about different ways to engage their young child at home. Total running time is about 22 minutes. Segments range between 1:30 minutes to 3:45.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/shows/launching/roots>

- **“Bringing Home the Math”**: This video segment features and introduction and six lessons for parents. This can be done in segments with families throughout the first six weeks of school. Teachers can email links to each segment via youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xJLju44vN0&list=PLuhEMDlxPVNscsFoGnCXUMI1Ri5gg39ER>

Additional Online Resources to Help Teachers Connect With Families

Grades PK3-K

- **“Get Ready to Read Screening Tool”** Teachers in PK3-PK4 classrooms can use this easy online tool to assess their student’s readiness for reading and communicate the results with parents during the first six weeks of school. Results include a printout of activities that families can do with children to enhance their reading skills. <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/get-ready-read-screening-tool> Students that are new to school in Kindergarten may also benefit from the use of this tool.
 - **Reading Rockets.org** features articles, videos, PDF’s and much more to help communicate with parents about how they can help develop their child as a reader at home. <http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents>
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math



language arts



resources



- **Lakeshore Learning Site: Free Resources for Grades PK-5**
http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/general_content/free_resources/teachers_corner/printables.jsp?f=m

Lakeshore Resource Tips:

- ✓ In the resources section you can find ready to edit **classroom newsletters**
- ✓ Teachers in grades 2-5 can have their students fill out the ready to print "**student survey**" forms to gain personal information about students at the beginning, middle and end of the school year. This information would be great to share and compare with families during in person or phone chats.
- ✓ **Parent Scavenger Hunt**: Great tool for all grades to give your families a focus as they enter your classroom on Back to School Night
- ✓ Having a mental block when it's time to write about a student on a report card, simple click on **report card comments** and there you will find lots of sentence stems to jump start your write-ups.
- ✓ Grades PK-5 can come back to the site all year long for lessons and printables that range from math operations to habitat classifications.

Teacher Tools and Templates Ready to Edit and Print

Grades: PK-5

- This site offers practically everything you need for quick and easy correspondence with families. From Parent Conference Concerns Checklists to Classroom Organizers and Back to School Night Tips, you can find it here.
http://www.educationworld.com/tools_templates/index.shtml#parent
 - Teachers Pay Teachers Free Resources: Join for free & Search these titles
 1. Parent Communication Notebook
 2. Welcome Back to School Newsletter
 3. Parent Communication Log By: The Intermediate Loop
 4. Parent Communication Freebie Set
 5. Parent Communication Printable Log By: The Special Ed Scoop
 6. Behavior Chart School to Home
 7. Classroom Newsletter Word Template
 8. Classroom Newsletter (editable)
 9. Classroom Newsletter Template for Weekly Use
 10. Newsletter Templates By: Cult of Pedagogy
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