

Early Elementary Engagement Calendar

To meet the evolving needs of parents and families of EB and immigrant students, consider implementing the various engagement activities below to support the academic success and promote parental, family, and community participation in their child's education.

NOTE: Be sure the activities below are implemented in addition to or as a supplement to what is offered to all students.

Key: ● **Parent Event**

● **Family Event**

● **Community Event**

August

Welcome to School

Create a student lead virtual campus tour to help families and children feel less anxious. Include school procedures (drop-off/pick-up, lunch options, key contacts, and language support). Don't forget the importance of multilingual labels around the school.

September

Literacy Month

Host a Storytime Workshop where parents learn literacy skills to engage their children in storytelling (in person or virtual). Also offer tips on how to support early literacy, including read-aloud routines, checking comprehension, and making predictions.

October

TXEL Portal Review

Teachers will host a TXEL Portal Workshop for parents. Educators will empower families to learn how to navigate the TXEL educational web links by hosting an event to help parents and families familiarize themselves with the portal.

November

School Readiness Skills

Distribute a School Skills Checklist to help families gauge their child's progress on skills like counting, color recognition, and sharing. Include local resources for Early Childhood Enrichment Programs (music, art, etc.) that are open to young children.

December

Health and Wellness

Record a Winter Wellness Video with guidance provided by a community expert on staying active and healthy indoors, especially for families new to colder climates. Include information with child health guidelines, nutrition tips, and links to free or low-cost clinics in the community.

January

Language Learning in the Community

Host an interactive community fair in partnership with local language organizations. The event would offer families a welcoming space to explore free or low-cost language classes, bilingual storytime sessions, and cultural groups.

February

Understanding Early Literacy

Create a monthly calendar highlighting bilingual authors. Teachers will take turns recording themselves reading stories and providing families with options for literacy activities, fostering early reading habits, and supporting multilingual language development.

March

Family Field Trip

Organize a Family Field Trip in partnership with a local library, providing families with an educational outing. Develop a Parent Guide to support conversations and spark questions that enhance language development and spark curiosity.

April/May

Stop the Summer Slide

Create and distribute an asset map of local businesses and non-profits that can support students, parents, and families over the summer with educational activities, resources, and family supports (i.e. housing, transportation, adult education) to prevent summer learning loss.