

Family Connections That Multiply Your Teaching Effectiveness

With Nellie Edge

Workshop Agenda - February 10, 2018

Begin: 8:30

Who we are as educators

The challenge and promise of meaningful family connections

The 7 components of a powerful Parents as Partners program

Literacy foundations and parents' role for meaningful at-home practice

Break: 10:00 - 10:15

Begin the year with a Family Scavenger Hunt

Have the best Family Literacy Night ever

How to create an "I can do it!" growth mindset

As teachers of the young, we have a "covenant" with parents that says we "jointly" share responsibility for teaching your child. -Ernest Boyer

Lunch: 11:45 - 1:15

Children and parents understand there are two kinds of words: high-frequency "heart words" and phonics-based words

Tips for working with parents and volunteers in the classroom

How to conduct student-led parent conferences

Break: 2:00 - 2:15

"I Can Read" Anthologies, Read and Sing Family Book Club, and Elephant and Piggie Book Club

Learn to sing and sign *The Pledge*, *Goodnight Irene*, and *What a Wonderful World*

Rituals, traditions, and celebrations to end the year

Few schools have a plan for the kind of meaningful family involvement that we have proven dramatically increases student outcomes. -Nellie Edge

Finish: 3:15 - 3:30

Goal setting

Highly knowledgeable and skillful kindergarten teachers can resolve the reading problems of at-risk students as well as expert tutorial programs; yet most of our schools do not have a plan to provide the classroom instruction that these kindergartners require.

-Regie Routman, Read, Write, Lead, ASCD

During breaks: eating, talking & exploring

- View anchor charts
- Explore writing totes
- Look at class-made books
- Make a Stamp and Read book
- Use playdough "Heart Word" mats