

Family Collaboration

Project P.L.A.C.E.

CRIOP Indicators for Integrating Family Collaboration into the Classroom

- View parents as partners in educating students and solicit their ideas regularly.
- Make an effort to get to know the families of students and to learn about their lives, language, histories, and cultural traditions
- Invite parents into the classroom to participate and share experiences. Parents from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds are invited to share their unique stories and knowledge.

Family Message Journals

1. Students respond to a weekly prompt in their journal. I connect the prompt to an essential question, special event, theme, or holiday.
2. Journals go home on Friday. A family member is asked to read the entry and respond in writing.
3. Students return the journal on Monday and I read them, responding or marking to acknowledge that I read it.

Some examples...

Think about your family. Who is your family? How do you define "family"? What is your role in your family? Please write a paragraph (at least 4 sentences) to answer the questions above.

My Family is my mom, Dad, sister, dog, grama, grandpa, Family is mom dad sister brother. OR Family is some one you love. I love my family.

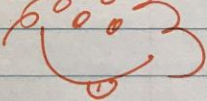
♡ You are half-Canadian and have the fortune to be a "Dual Citizen" of the U.S and Canada.

I loved reading about your family heritage. We love visiting our family up North. You come from a family of immigrants - Poland, Ukraine, Germany; Canada.

We love how proud you are of your heritage. ♡

Think about your family. Who is your family?
How do you define 'family'? What is your role in
your family? Please write a paragraph (at least
4 sentences) to answer the questions above.

My family is made of my
sister, brother, mom, and dad. I define
family as some one you are close
to and even though they can irritate you
you still love them. The role I do in my
family is to be the oldest and most
responsible child in the family. I love my
family! ☺

I love
this! 

Caroline, I love how you defined family.
Your family loves you. Also, remember,
because you're the oldest, your siblings
look up to you and will often want to
emulate you. "Emulate" means they want to
be like you. But, don't think that means
you have to be a parent to them because
you are still just a kid yourself!

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your family? Please write a paragraph (at least
4 sentences) to answer the questions above.

Dad, Mom, Allen, Lilly, Kelly
is my family family, m-4-0
the people now help you and
love you and take care of you.
My role is to help my loved ones.

I love
your
description
of your
role!


YES! YOUR FAMILY INCLUDES YOUR BROTHER ALLEN,
YOUR SISTER KELLY, DAD + ME. FAMILIES COME IN ALL SHAPES
AND SIZES, SOME FAMILIES HAVE A FATHER AND A MOTHER,
SOME FAMILIES HAVE ONE FATHER OR ONE MOTHER, SOME
HAVE TWO MOTHERS AND SOME, LIKE OUR FAMILY, HAVE
TWO FATHERS. BUT WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS THAT FAMILIES
LOVE EACH OTHER, HELP EACH OTHER (LEARN) AND GROW, AND
ARE THERE FOR EACH OTHER NO MATTER WHAT. YOU ARE
NEAR, WANT TO HAVE A FAMILY THAT LOVES YOU VERY
MUCH AND WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU!

Dad AND I HOPE YOU HAVE AN AWESOME WEEK.

Love,
PAPA

P.S. I ALWAYS FORGET ABOVE OUR DOG LILY! WOULDNT
WHAT TO FORGET HER!!

Yes, I also
believe that
dogs
are
family!



Weekly Emails Home

- Students take their weekly spelling test online through [spellingcity.com](https://www.spellingcity.com).
- They take a screenshot of their score and paste it into an email.
- Students write an email to their parents and copy me.
- They describe their week and give details about something they liked and learned.
- Parents are encouraged to respond.

spelling test



8:55 AM

@stu.fayette.kyschools.us >



To: Mom, Dad Cc: Naylor, Nicole



hola ma yo ser muy bien en
my spelling test en esto semana la clase ser grande numeros my favorito parte en schela es comendo con
my amigos en lunch well adios love

Re:



9/6/2019 9:11 AM



To: [redacted] Cc: Dad; Naylor; Nicole

EXTERNAL MAIL:

Oh Yah! I am so proud of you! The film tonight will be our celebration to it.

依依真棒！我知道你会说到做到的。刘备备和赵赵云听了也会很高兴的！下午见！

爱你！
妈妈

On Sep 6, 2019, at 9:28 AM, [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@stu.fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:[redacted]@stu.fayette.kyschools.us)> wrote:

MOM & DAD!!!!!! TODAY I GOT A 100% ON MY SPELLING TEST!! I JUST CAN'T KEEP THE GOOD NEWS TO MYSELF ANYMORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



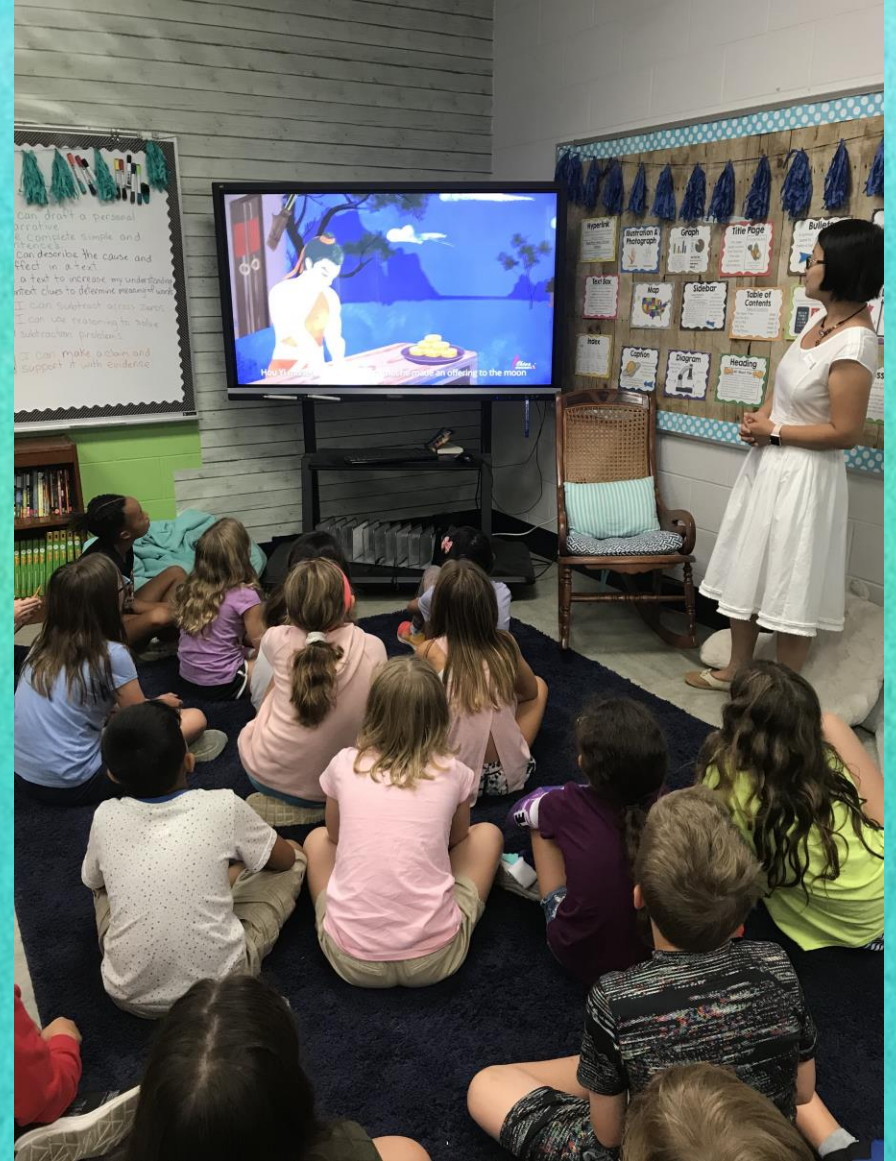
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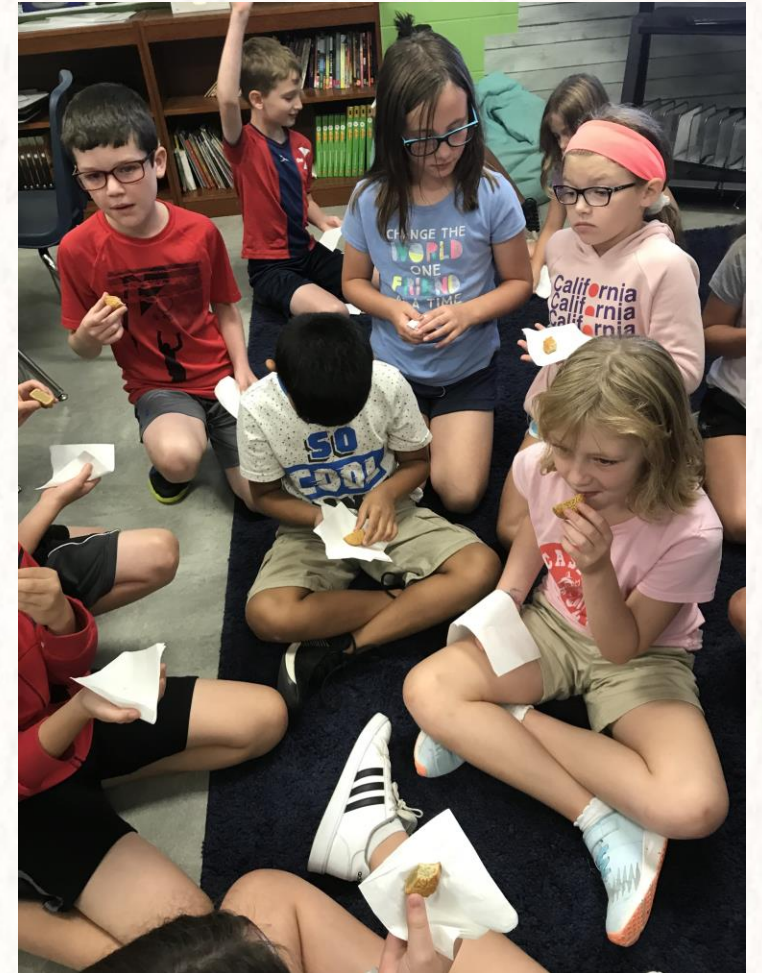
Inviting Parents into the Classroom

Sharing holidays &
Mystery Reader

Learning about the Chinese Mooncake Festival

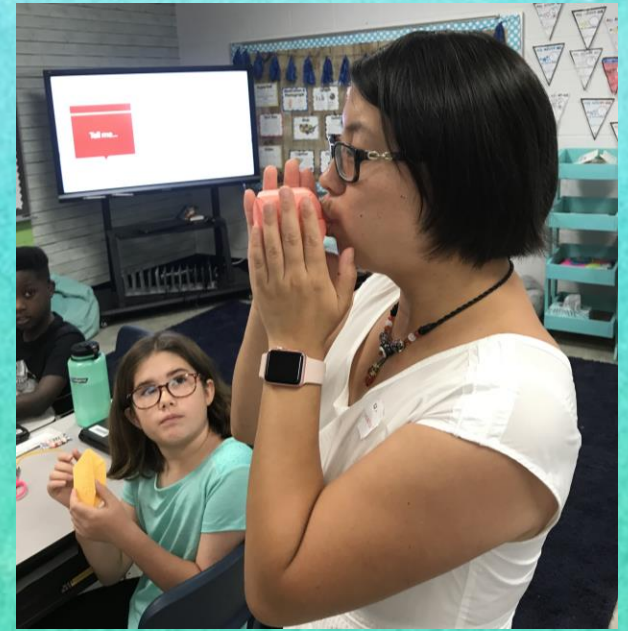
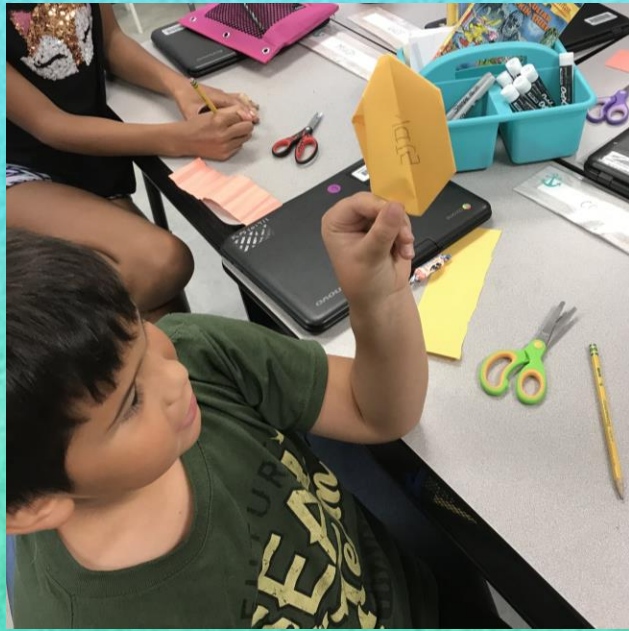








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Mystery Reader

Every Friday, we invite a parent or family member to come read a book to the class.

The family member will provide some "clues" about themselves. I'll share the clues with the class to get the students interested.

The family member can bring a special book to share with the class, or I will provide a book for them to read.

Students have an opportunity to ask questions about the clues, the reader's job, hobbies, etc.

Our First Mystery Reader

