

ECE Home Learning Lesson # 9

Further Investigations:

★ Make a list of questions that parents most often ask teachers. Design answers for these questions based on your knowledge of children in the playschool.

★ Make a sample newsletter that would inform parents of the daily activities at a playschool and include what would be considered important information.

Assignment # 9- Involving Parents and Families

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Terms to know:

Parent Involvement: patterns of program participation by parents in early childhood settings that are related to their parenting roles. Volunteering in programs, home teaching, and helping with fundraising are examples

Newsletter: written communications most often addressing only one subject and sent out on an "as needed" basis

Letters: written communication most often addressing only one subject and sent out on an "as needed" basis

Daily news flash: written communication tool used by centers to inform parents about programs or center news. Parents can use this news to bring about verbal interaction with their children.

Problem solving file: file containing helpful information on problems parents may face

Sunshine calls: telephone calls made by teachers to parents to communicate praise and support for children

1. List 4 objectives for involving family members in the center program.

- Developing an understanding of child growth and development
- Gaining confidence in their parenting roles
- Learning about their children's experiences at the center
- Understanding their children by observing other children
- Learning new ways of positively interacting with children
- Becoming informed about community resources
- Fostering the children's and family's ability to interact with one another
- Extending learning from the center to the home
- Understanding how a partnership between center and home can promote the child's development

2. Name 2 points to consider when using written communication.

Keep the communications short, clear and simple for all families

Simple clear writing prevents misinterpretation of the message

3. Newsletters may include:

A review of special classroom activities

Upcoming center events

Child development information

4. What are the 3 phases of the parent-teacher conference?

Planning, individual conference and follow up

5. True or False: About five minutes should be allowed for each parent-teacher conference.

False

6. The “w” questions are often the most successful for getting information from parents. What are the questions?

Why, what, when and where. How is considered a “w” question

7. Always begin parent-teacher conference with a _____.

Positive comment about their child

8. Avoid preparing an _____ while listening to the parent.

answer

9. During a meeting, worried parents always need;

Reassurance

10. What is the purpose of a lending library?

A way to share parent information through books, magazines and articles

11. A sunshine call is:

Made by a teacher to a parent

Made to share with parents something positive about their children

Something that can help dispel some negative feelings parents may have about school

12. Who makes the best volunteers?

Those who have an interest in working with young children