

Family Engagement Night in a Box

The Family Engagement model that we have adopted this year in Anoka Hennepin is to create “Family Engagement Nights” in a box, which can be checked out by the Title teachers in our buildings and used to put on meaningful family engagement activities on topics in literacy.

“Box” Components:

- Agenda/script
- A DVD that includes a PowerPoint presentation with video clips. This is intended to be the content and modeling portions of the event.
- Copies of Handouts
- Explanation of a parent-child activity to practice the new concept.
- Any materials that are needed to put on the activity (copies of handouts, pencils, scissors, etc.)

Provided/Prepared by the School:

- Assortment of appropriately leveled books or reading passages for the students attending
- Snack
- Giveaway Books – one per child at the event

Format Possibilities:

1. All families together for presentation.
2. Divide up into smaller groups if you have more than one person who is comfortable presenting.
3. Have one room that has more of a primary focus and one that has more of an intermediate focus.

Purpose:

#1. To ensure that allocated family involvement dollars are being spent on worthwhile, parent-educating activities.

#2. To lighten the load for our Title I teachers by creating activities centrally.

#3 To educate our Title I parents in Anoka Hennepin about the instruction their children are receiving at school and engage them in supporting these efforts at home.

Basic Template for Planning F.L.I.P Events

1. Teaching and Modeling Time: (20-25 minutes)

- Definition of new terminology or concept
- Suggestions about how the parent can help their child at home
- Model and Discuss the new concept (with technology)

2. Practicing Time – (10-15 minutes)

- Parent/Child Activity to practice the new concept

3. Encourage and Reward Parent-Child Practice At Home

Students and Parents are encouraged to do the activity multiple times at home. If they write down the dates that they practiced on a recording sheet and return it to their Supplemental programs teacher, they can choose *another free book*.

4. Small Group Discussion Time (10 minutes) :

Divide families up into small groups. They can share their experiences and ask questions.

5. Snack and book Giveaway Time (10 minutes)

- Enjoy a snack
- Choose a free book at the child's independent level to take home