Two-Way Communication with Each Student's Family Supports Success



Partnership as a Priority

Welcome each student and family [arrange for translation or an interpreter if needed]



Work toward shared goals

Connect the family to community resources as needed

Keep a record of communications to see what is working and what can be improved



Planned Effort

Find out the parent/family member's preferred ways to communicate



Share how classroom learning connects to everyday events and home activities





Personalized

Share good news from the classroom throughout the school year



Practical & Specific

Share about ways family life supports learning:

- talking about expectations
- making study a priority
- finding math & reading in everyday life
- using the home language



Positive

Use Active Listening with families:

- reflection of feelings
- verbal tips to encourage the parent to elaborate
- nonverbal cues
- paraphrasing their meaning



