

At-Home Literacy Activities

Families are a child's first educator and can serve as valuable partners throughout a child's literacy development. Providing families with quick, easy-to-use activities and strategies to use at home strengthens school-home connections and deepens learning.

PREPARING TO ENGAGE

- Allot time for planning ahead of events so that teachers and support personnel have adequate time to prepare engaging, interactive, sustainable activities.
- Encourage families to take pictures at home or do so at school and have the student provide the words to tell a story. Publish and leave around the community for others to read while waiting.

SCHOOL STRUCTURES

While these are activities that are designed to promote at-home interaction, the school plays an essential role in setting families up for success. Schools can promote at-home family literacy engagement by sharing ideas with families including:

- **Family Book Clubs**
 - › Trade books with other families in the class or community.
- **Storytelling**
 - › Read and tell stories.
 - › Document or write stories.
 - › Record stories on a phone.
- **Family Fun or Game Night**
 - › Reading is involved in lots of games and activities like charades, board games, or card games.
 - › Something as simple and fun as reading directions to a board game provides real-world practice and application.
- **Family Movie Night**
 - › Read books first then watch the movie.
- **Table Topics**
 - › Place topics in a bowl and pull one each night and discuss.
- **Other at-home activities**
 - › Recipes
 - › Read the ingredients and steps with your child while cooking a favorite dish.
 - › Bedtime reading
 - › Let your child select a book that you or they can read aloud.
 - › Environmental labels
 - › Read road signs, grocery items, and building signs.
 - › Label items around home.
- **School-based challenges**
 - › Host contests with reading goals in classrooms or school-wide.

TRENDING TECHNOLOGY

- Living Literature
 - › Tell a tik-tok story
 - › Share on Instagram stories
 - › Retell a text, chapter, or section using video, props, and creativity
- Documentaries on Netflix, Hulu, or TV
 - › They often align thematically with literature from school.