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| **Ideas/strategies to involve and engage families with reading:** |
| **Strategy** | **What it could look like** |
| Encourage families to read environmental print to their children. For example, while going on a walk, the parent can read street signs to the child. (PCF 2010, 132) | * Add a “How to Explore Print with Children” box in the monthly newsletter.
* Send a text using Connect 101 to families every Friday asking them to send photos of family reading time over the weekend.
* Ask families to send photos of the street signs they see in the community. Create a wall with these sings.
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| Encourage families to sing songs and poems each day. (PCF 2010, 137) | * Invite one family member every Monday morning to lead a group song.
* At the end of every parent conference, ask the family member to teach you a song or story they like to share with their child so you can teach it to the whole class.
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| Send books and other reading-related materials home with children. (PCF 2010, 155) | * Create a class book of students and names and send this home with different children every week.
* Create a lending library of topic related books families can check out.
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| Support children and families in sharing books at home. (PCF 2010, 155) | * Provide a list of local libraries so that families can check out books and read them at home.
* Encourage families to read bedtime stories
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| Share ideas with parents about questions they might ask about books, and provide these in the home language. (PCF 2010, 155)Suggest ways that parents can send a response back to the classroom. (PCF 2010, 155) | * Provide a bilingual list of questions parents can ask while reading with their children.
* Provide a journal where children can draw or write about the stories they are reading. Parents can also document notes to teachers.
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| Introduce parents to resources to get books for home. (PCF 2010, 155) | * Provide parents with a list of local bookstores, local book fairs, or other literacy events where they can obtain books for their home.
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| Send simple alphabet activities home. (PCF 2010, 155) | * Create a folder with take-home activities that families can do at home their children.
* Create an alphabet-writing journal for children to use at home.
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