

Five Resources for Family Engagement: Engaging Families in Literacy

Engaging families to support student learning is an important role for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC). These five free resources will provide you with examples of resources you can share with families. The resources help them support their children's success in literacy.

1. **The Five Essential Components of Reading** This article, found on the K12 Reader website (www.k12reader.com), focuses on the five aspects of reading: phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, fluency, and reading comprehension. The links found in this article define each aspect and provide best practices, effective strategies, and worksheets for home and classroom. <http://www.k12reader.com/the-five-essential-components-of-reading/>
2. **Parent Involvement in Early Literacy** Quoted directly from this online article, "Parent involvement in early literacy is directly connected to academic achievement. Children need parents to be their reading role models with daily practice in order to navigate successfully through beginning literacy skills." The strategies provided in this article are for beginning and seasoned readers' literacy success. <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/parent-involvement-in-early-literacy-erika-burton>
3. **What Can Families Do To Keep Children Reading During The Summer?** There are many strategies families might employ to encourage summertime reading. In this online article from the Reading Is Fundamental website (<http://www.rif.org/>), there are nine fun, and effective strategies provided for parents to do with their children - during the summer. <http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/what-can-families-do-to-keep-children-reading-during-the-summer.htm>
4. **Family Storyteller** The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, KNPB-TV Public Television, Washoe County Library System, and Washoe County School District offers the Family Storyteller website. This is a family literacy program that gives parents and educators ideas, resources, fun activities, and a workshop to learn new skills and interact as a family. <http://www.unce.unr.edu/programs/sites/storyteller/>
5. **Reading Tips For Parents** The Reading Rockets website (www.readingrockets.org) offers one-page parent tips to help kids become successful readers, in English and ten other languages, as well as for parents of children with disabilities. <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-11-languages#english>