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ENL Immigration Stories After School Program for English Language Leaners

Our Focus

► **Language Development:**

Improving **Listening, Speaking, Reading** and **Writing** though working with children's literature, and writing our own stories



Listening

Speaking

Reading

Writing



Reading Children's Books

- Literacy Skills & Reading Comprehension
- Vocabulary development
- Connections with others
- Honoring their life experiences



Discussion of Books

- Reading Comprehension
- English listening skills
- Vocabulary use
- Speaking practice
- Interaction with classmates

Writing About Our Own Lives



- Improve writing skills
- Make meaningful connections between reading and writing
- Build confidence by sharing our life experiences
- Prepare for state NYSESLAT testing



Activities

- Mapping our journeys
- Child-Parent Interviews
- Native Language Storytelling



Activities

- Art activities
- Digital story sharing





Parent Involvement

Family Photos

- Honors families
- Provides something of value
- A gift for participating, a memento, celebrates the diversity of our school, and accompanies students' stories



Parent/Child Interviews

- Honors families and their lived experiences
- Parents are the experts on their child's lives
- Creates a lasting memory
- Provides children with important information about their family's story



Optional Home Visits

- Let teachers and families get to know each other on a personal level
- Parents are the experts on their child's lives
- Teachers learn about parents' hopes and dreams for their children
- Can be at home or another place in the community
- Positive approach
- Build relationships, improve communication, promote academic success



Importance of Parent Involvement

- ▶ Parents are the experts on their own children
- ▶ Children learn from their parents
- ▶ Teacher and family building knowledge together
- ▶ Increased academic achievement
- ▶ Improved communication
- ▶ Relationship building
- ▶ Honoring your lives
- ▶ Helping families through transition