

FOR PARENTS: FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Through regular communications and school events, parent and school leaders can keep school year goals front and center in the summer. Here are a few conversation starters and goal-setting tools for parents to engage in the conversation and keep it going.



PARENTS START THE CONVERSATION WITH TEACHERS



- What subject does my child excel in/enjoy the most?
- What subject area challenges/frustrates my child the most?
- What specific skills does my child need to work on for the next school year?
- Will the school library be open during the summer?
- What public library programs might be a good fit for my child?
- Does the school/district offer summer learning programs for my child?
- What special education services will be available for my child during the summer?
- When/where will meals be served during the summer?



PARENTS KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING WITH CHILDREN DURING SUMMER

- What topic or issue do you want to learn more about this summer?
- What new fact surprised you today?
- What was your favorite activity today and why?
- How did you get moving today and how do you feel?
- How would you explain to a friend what you learned today?
- What steps can you take to improve in a subject area that challenges you?
- Why is this specific skill important for you to learn?



PARENTS SHARE SUMMER SUCCESS STORIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA. TAG THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND POST TO THE SCHOOL/PTA PAGES.



- *Sample post:* At the start of summer, my child struggled with [insert subject] and grew stronger in [insert one to three specific skills] because of the #KeepKidsLearning campaign.
- *Sample post:* Access to [insert tool/activity/resource] transformed my child's summer experience. Now [he/she] is ready to kickstart the school year thanks to #KeepKidsLearning, @[insert community-based organization], and @[insert other key individual].