

PARENT COMMUNICATION

First-Day Newsletter

All parents are eager to hear about their child's first day of school. Try writing a short class newsletter to tell parents about the day's exciting events. Set aside a few minutes near the end of the day to list the day's activities. Duplicate a copy of the newsletter for each child to take home and add an individual note on each one. Parents will be so delighted at this chance to learn about their youngster's day, they'll feel as if they were there, too!

Betty Silkunas—Gr. 1, Oak Lane Day School, Blue Bell, PA

Take Note!

Looking for a way to send important notices home with students? Then try this tip! Write short messages on address labels and attach them to students' hands. For example, if a parent is supposed to send napkins for a class party, simply write "napkins" and the date they are needed on an address label. Students will enjoy this unique method of taking home messages and parents will appreciate the reminder.

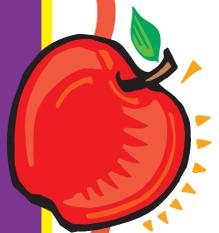
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Stamp-Pad Communication

This small investment can be a big help in communicating with parents. Purchase a date stamp and two different colors of ink pads to use when sending home papers. One color of ink will indicate the current date to let parents know when a paper was handed out. The other color is used for stamping a due date on homework, book orders, or correspondence that needs to be returned to school. This method will be a great help to parents when students take home several papers at once—the parent can easily make note of when assignments were given to the student and when they are expected to be completed.

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