



REACHING OUT TO FAMILIES WITH POSITIVE NEWS: SENTENCE STARTERS

Positive communication is key to building strong partnerships between educators and families. Research shows we need at least five positive interactions for every negative one to maintain a healthy relationship, which is crucial for effective family-school partnerships. One simple way to achieve this 5:1 ratio is by **regularly reaching out to families just to share good news about their child!** Celebrating successes helps strengthen the connection between school and home, while also building trust and support for student growth and well-being.

1 When teachers share positive news, families are more likely to trust and appreciate the teacher's role in their child's education.

2 Positive messages help to sustain open lines of communication and strengthen partnership between home and school.

3 Students are more motivated to do well at school when they know their hard work is being shared with their families.

4 Positive communication with families helps reduce misunderstandings and conflict.



"Hi, my name is [Your Name], and I'm your child's teacher in [Grade/Class Name] at [School Name]. I wanted to take a moment to share some positive news about [Student's Name]."





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To express enthusiasm and pride in the student



"I'm really excited to tell you that [Student's Name] has been doing an amazing job lately!"

"I'm so pleased with how [Student's Name] has been progressing, and I just had to share the good news!"

"I wanted to let you know that [Student's Name] has been showing some real growth in class, and I'm really proud of their efforts."

To share specific achievements or positive behaviors

"I've noticed that [Student's Name] has been really engaged in class lately, contributing great ideas during discussions."

"One thing I've been really impressed with is how [Student's Name] has been putting in extra effort on their assignments and improving their work."

"Recently, [Student's Name] has been making great strides in [specific subject/skill], and it's really showing in their performance."



To acknowledge the student's efforts



"I want to recognize how hard [Student's Name] has been working. Their persistence is really paying off."

"I've been really impressed by the effort [Student's Name] has been putting into their assignments, and it's making a big difference."

"It's clear that [Student's Name] is taking ownership of their learning, and I wanted to celebrate that."

To reinforce the importance of the family's role

"I'm sure your support at home has played a big part in [Student's Name]'s success, and I wanted to thank you for that."

"It's clear that [Student's Name] has been working hard both at school and at home. You should be really proud!"

"I really appreciate how you've been encouraging [Student's Name] at home. It's making a real difference in their classroom performance."

