

CIRCLE ACTIVITY COLLECTION: FAMILY

Planning Templates for Sending Home-Based Activities

The **CIRCLE Activity Collection: Family** (cliengagementfamily.org) is a great resource to use to send home activities that:

- help children learn through play
- encourage responsiveness and bonding between parents and their child
- reinforce what is being taught in the classroom by encouraging parents to practice the same skills at home

There are two ways to send these activities home:

1. Print out and send the activity home in paper form. When doing this, we recommend including a letter or calling families to explain the purpose of the activity and how to engage in it.
2. Copy the link of the activity and share through text, email, or classroom app. When doing this, we also recommend attaching a brief explanation.

This document provides two templates to help teachers choose which activities to send home:

1. Based on assessment data
2. Based on prekindergarten guidelines

Instructions and templates can be found on the following pages.

Note: Keep in mind that activities selected based on data and based on guidelines can often overlap. For example, a teacher may assign a home-based activity because of low assessment scores in rote counting. This same activity can also provide practice for multiple prekindergarten guidelines outcomes, such as counting with correspondence, counting in sequence, and counting up to 10. Identifying how activities can be used to reach multiple goals maximizes the impact of time families spend engaging in home-based activities.

PLAN FOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES BASED ON ASSESSMENT DATA

Instructions:

1. Look at your most recent CIRCLE Progress Monitoring assessment data or any other assessment data you use.
2. Find a skill or skills your students are struggling with either as a whole class, small groups, or individually.
3. Use your *Alignment of Family Activities to Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines* document to find activities to send home that will target that specific skill.
4. Use the template attached to help you plan. This document is intended to be used to plan one week at a time. You can either fill it out for your whole class OR fill it out for small groups.

Dates:

Grouping	Skill(s)	Activity Name(s)	Hyperlink(s)
WHOLE CLASS			
SMALL GROUP 1 Students:			
SMALL GROUP 2 Students:			
SMALL GROUP 3 Students:			
SMALL GROUP 4 Students:			
SMALL GROUP 5 Students:			

PLAN FOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES BASED ON PREKINDERGARTEN GUIDELINES

Instructions:

1. Think through the prekindergarten guidelines you will be teaching for the next six weeks.
2. Choose one or two guidelines you would like to target each week with family activities. You can also send home activities that reinforce a specific guideline (or two) from the instruction of the week before. This provides your students with a great review.
3. Use your *Alignment of Family Activities to Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines* document to find activities to align with the targeted guideline(s).
4. Use the template below to help you plan out six weeks at a time.

	Guideline(s)	Activity Name(s)	Hyperlink(s)
Week 1 Dates:			
Week 2 Dates:			
Week 3 Dates:			
Week 4 Dates:			
Week 5 Dates:			
Week 6 Dates:			