

DECEMBER 2014

PALS Workshop

- SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 - EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 - LITERACY DEVELOPMENT/FAMILY LITERACY ACTIVITY
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Profile of the South Carolina Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn



Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

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and SC Chamber of Commerce

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families

Habit 1: Be Proactive. Becoming an agent of change in your family

Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind. Developing a Family Mission Statement

Habit 3: Put First Things First. Making Family a Priority in a Turbulent World

Making Family a Priority in a Turbulent World

Popular culture- By the end of grade school the child has seen over 8,000 murders and 150,000 acts of violence.

Economy- Changes in economy can create a more stressful home life.

Technology- What does your own heart tell you? Does technology (phone, tablets, tv, video games help or hinder your relationships?

**Who's going to raise my children—
today's culture or me?**

Making Family a Priority

Children learn the most important lessons NOT from technology or popular culture; but from a loving family who reads with them, talks to them, works with them, listens to them, and spends quality time with them. When children feel loved, really loved, they thrive!

How do I make my family a priority?

Two Structures That Will Help You Prioritize Your Family in Today's Turbulent World

1. Weekly Family Time

- Time you set aside each week to spend quality time together as a family

2. One-on-One Bonding Time with Each Member of Your Family

- May include one-on-one time with each child doing anything from reading a book together to going to the movies together

“These special bonding times build the assurance that when troubles and problems come along, the relationship can be depended upon.”

The Four Main Ingredients of a Successful Family Time

1. Planning
2. Teaching
3. Problem Solving
4. Having Fun

Turning Your Mission Statement into Your Constitution Through “Family Time”

“Family time provides a great opportunity to discuss and create your family mission statement.”

“The mission statement provides a great basis for family time discussions and activities-things that help us translate the mission into moments of family living.”

Why Does Family Time Matter?

“Weekly family times provides a powerful, proactive response to today’s family challenge. They provide a very practical way to prioritize the family. The time commitment itself tells children how important the family is. They build memories, they build emotional bank accounts, they help you create your own family safety net.”

One-on-One Bonding Time

- May include one-on-one time with each child doing anything from reading a book together to going to the movies together
- If you're raising your child with someone else, ensure one-on-one time with that person
- If you're raising your child alone, ensure time for yourself with another adult to renew your spirit for parenting

“It’s not always easy. It’s usually not convenient. Sometimes you even wonder whether your children are getting anything out of it. In fact, you may not be able to see the real results for years. Foundations are being laid that will make a huge difference down the road.”

Jar of Life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZ6vX7fl0Yw>

Reading With Your Child

How can we ensure that reading is a meaning making process rather than just calling out words?

How can the family support our young readers?

Generative Questions: Develop Meaning and Deepen Comprehension

What do we know so far? How do you know?

What else? ...What else?

Let's reread.

What are you seeing? How did you figure that out? What words or phrases did the author use to help you paint that picture in your mind?

What does the author want you to think? How did s/he accomplish that?

Who is the author writing for...who is the audience?

What is the author trying to do here? What words or phrases did the author choose to show that?

What does the author want you to feel? How did s/he accomplish that?

What DON'T we know? What questions do you have?

Family Activity: Acts of Kindness

1. Talk with your children about how your family may work together to show acts of kindness during this holiday season.

2. Write these acts of kindness on the green strips of construction paper.

3. Use the stocking template to create a stocking to hold your acts of kindness ideas.

- Cut out the stocking template (2 times)
- Put the stockings together and hole punch around to thread yarn
- Decorate your stocking
- Thread yarn to hold the two pieces together
- Insert the acts of kindness strips in the stocking

Random Acts of Christmas Kindness 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Give a compliment to a friend.	2 Tape change to a vending machine.	3 Make a card for a soldier.	4 Pick up litter in your neighborhood.	5 Bring coffee to your teacher.	6 Send a hug made from paper to someone you love.
7 Tell silly jokes to make someone laugh.	8 Give someone a hug coupon.	9 Donate a book to your library or hospital.	10 Leave a happy note or kindness stone for someone to find.	11 Do yard work for a neighbor.	12 Donate outgrown toys to your favorite charity.	13 Candy cane bomb a parking lot.
14 Call a faraway relative to say hello.	15 Make a thank you card for your librarian.	16 Do a chore for someone in your family.	17 Donate food to your local food pantry.	18 Leave a popcorn surprise on a DVD rental machine.	19 Smile at everyone you see today.	20 Take supplies to the animal shelter.
21 Pay for a stranger's coffee.	22 Give treats to your mail carrier.	23 Feed the birds.	24 Take cookies to the fire station.	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

During this Holiday season, our hope is that you will...

Make your family a priority by spending more time playing with your kids than you spend shopping for them, remembering that the gift they really yearn for is you, hugging them and smiling into their eyes as often as possible, and showing them through your never-ending love what a precious gift they are.

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February 17-20

March 17-20

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