

FAMILY CONNECT

Dear East Islip Families,

We are excited to announce that we will be starting the Family Connect Night program this September! Our School Improvement Teams and faculty agree that very often our busy lives prevent us from being able to cherish what is important. We believe that family unity is crucial to the foundation of all East Islip Elementary Schools. Quality family time is essential to keeping families close and reinforcing these relationships benefit the well-being of both parents and children. To encourage and support this important goal, we plan to designate one day every month for the remainder of the school year as "Family Connect Night". We understand that there are often events or activities that follow a specific weekday schedule, so we will try to rotate the day of the week that the night will occur. No academic homework will be assigned to students on these nights with the hopes that your family will spend time together with a preferred activity. (Included with this letter is a list of potential activities.) Please mark the dates on your calendar beginning with September 18th as our first "Family Connect Night"!

We hope Family Connect Night will help to build lasting memories.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bilotti, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Naccarato and Dr. Smith

Family Connect Nights for 2024-2025

Monday, September 16th

Tuesday, October 15th

Wednesday, November 13th

Tuesday, December 3rd

Monday, January 13th

Tuesday, February 4th

Tuesday, March 18th

Monday, April 21st

Wednesday, May 14th

Tuesday, June 17th

Ideas for Family Connect Night

Cook/Bake Together

Go on a Scavenger Hunt

Go on a Nature Hike

Play Board Games

Take a Bike Ride

Build a Tent/Fort in the Living Room

Paper Plane Activity

Play Card Games

Go on a Family Walk

Karaoke Night

Play Charades

Movie Night

Go Bowling

Have a Picnic Dinner

Arts and Crafts Night

Roll Reversal -Members of the family reverse roles with another member for the night.

Minute to Win it Challenges -Timed one-minute challenges. Each member can come up with an idea for a challenge, i.e. putting on the most items of clothing, stacking the most pennies, who can do the most pushups, etc.

Show and Tell -Each member shows and tells about a favorite possession.

Create a Vacation Jar -Decide where the family would like to go and create and decorate a savings jar.

Have a formal dinner -Set the table with your best tableware, have everyone dress up and use your best manners. Act like royalty for the night.

Get Crafty! Check out Pinterest for fun, affordable ideas.