Loma Portal Elementary School

ELAC Meeting #1

October 3, 2019
Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- What is an ELAC?
- English Language Proficiency Assessment for California
- Legal Task 1A
- Supporting your child at home
What IS an ELAC?

- ELAC = English Learner Advisory Committee
- Each school with 21 or more English Learners must form an ELAC
- The purpose of the ELAC is to advise the principal, school staff, and SSC on programs and services for English Learners.
ELPAC

- Initial ELPAC Testing
- All new EL students are tested
- All testing done by Mr. Morici
- 4 sections:
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Listening
  - Speaking
Listening

Listen to a conversation between a boy and a teacher. Listen carefully.

As you read each character’s line, point to the picture of the character.

**SAY**
The boy says, “I didn’t get a worksheet.”

**SAY**
The teacher says, “Don’t worry, I’ll give you one right away.”

1. What will the teacher give the boy?
   - A  a notebook
   - B  a worksheet
   - C  a pencil
Speaking

Tell me something else about the picture.
Look at the picture. Point to the word that matches the picture.

1. A write
2. B kick
3. C mix
Writing

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Julie is playing outside.

It is not a windy

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Legal Task 1A

Our School’s Program for EL Students

Communication

- Home Language Survey
- Parent Notification of Initial EL Proficiency Assessment and Placement
- ELPAC scores mailed home
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Standards-Based Report Cards
  - English Language Development (ELD) grades in Speaking and Writing
- Reports from classroom teacher if applicable
2018 ELPAC Proficiency Data

- **Beginning**: 7.0%
- **Somewhat Developed**: 16.4%
- **Well Developed**: 36.8%
- **Moderately Developed**: 39.8%
LPE Primary Languages

- Spanish: 50.2%
- Russian: 2.9%
- Japanese: 2.9%
- Swedish: 2.9%
- Thai: 2.9%
- Other: 5.8%
- Korean: 2.9%
- Portuguese: 29.5%
Next Steps

- What are our EL students’ needs?
- How can we improve our program for EL students?
- How can we involve the families of our EL students?
How to Read at Home With Your Child

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Reading is important!

According to “Reading with Your Child” by Reading Rockets,

- Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination
- Reading expands children’s understanding of the world.
- It helps them develop language and listening skills
- Wonderful family bonding time
- With your help, your children can begin a lifelong relationship with the printed word, so they grow into adults who read easily and frequently whether for business, knowledge, or pleasure.
Tips and tricks

1. Make books a part of family life – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it’s only for ten minutes.

2. Join your local library – Get your child a library card. They’ll be able to get their hands on hundreds of fantastic books, as well as the latest video games, blu-rays and DVDs. Let them choose what they want to read to help them develop their own interests.

3. Read about something they’re interested in – Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn’t matter if it’s fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.

4. All reading is good – Don’t rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it’s all worthwhile.
More tips...

5. Get comfortable! – Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it’s in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. And make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too.

6. Ask questions – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with ‘Where did we get to last time?’, ‘Can you remember what’s happened so far?’ and 'What do you think will happen next?'.

7. Read whenever you get the chance – Have a book or magazine with you for any time your child has to wait, like at the doctor's or the dentist.

8. Read favorites again and again – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.

9. Enjoy bedtime stories – Read with your kids at bedtime as often as you can. It’s a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.

From Pearson, Top 10 Tips to Help Children Enjoy Reading
Even more tips...

*Have fun.

*Talk about the pictures. You do not have to read the book to tell a story.

*Let your child turn the pages.

*Show your child the cover page. Explain what the story is about.

*Run your finger along the words as you read them.

*Silly sounds, especially animal sounds, are fun to make.
Yet even more tips...

*Choose books about events in your child's life such as starting preschool, going to the dentist, getting a new pet, or moving to a new home.

*Make the story come alive. Create voices for the story characters.

*Ask questions about the story. What do you think will happen next? What is this?

*Let your child ask questions about the story. Talk about familiar activities and objects.

*Let your child retell the story.

From [Reach Out and Read, Reading Tips](#)
Books to read with your child

- **Friends School Haverford: Books Arranged by Guided Reading Level**

- **Goodreads**

- **Google or Amazon**

Guided Reading Correlation Chart

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Reading Happens During Math, too!

- A lot of our math problems are word problems.
- Kids are expected to read and understand in the problems.
- Help your child analyze and evaluate what’s happening in the story.

1st Read  What is the problem about?

2nd Read  What quantity or quantities are we trying to find?

3rd Read  What quantities and relationships are important for answering the question?