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26 Family Projects
that "Pump Up"
Parent Participation!

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Welcome to the World of Family Projects!

Family projects should be a fun, structured way to involve families in the education process. In this book you will find many ideas for stimulating parent participation. There are over 25 family projects, including parent letters and patterns. When planning your family projects for the year, be sure to consider the amount of time and materials required for each project, your school's community, and level of involvement.

Feel free to tailor these projects to meet the needs of your own students.

Family Projects:

Family Tree

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Family Tree** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display on a classroom or hallway wall.

Family Apples

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Family Apples** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's apple on a large butcher paper tree.

My Family's Home

Directions:

Send a copy of the **My Family's Home** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's home on a classroom or hallway wall.

Fall Leaves

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Fall Leaf** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's leaf on a large butcher paper tree.

Pumpkins

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Pumpkin** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each pumpkin on a large butcher paper vine.

Thankful Tree

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Thankful Tree** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's tree on a wall.

Disguised Turkey

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Disguised Turkey** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's turkey and "story" on a wall.

Turkey Sculpture

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Turkey Sculpture** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's turkey on a wall.

Stocking

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Stocking** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's stocking on a large butcher mantel.

Christmas Tree

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Christmas Tree** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's Christmas tree on a wall.

Holiday Wreath

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Holiday Wreath** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's wreath on a wall or on doors around the school.

Gift to the World

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Gift to the World** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's gift under on a large real or butcher paper tree.

Snowperson

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Snowperson** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's snowperson and biography on a wall.

Valentine Box

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Valentine Box** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Use these boxes when your students deliver their valentines.

Be Kind on Valentines

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Valentine** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Send or deliver each gift pack to your local nursing home.

Fossils

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Fossil** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's fossil in a museum-like set up. You will want to invite other classes to visit this museum.

Kites

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Kite** parent note with each student.

Display:

Display each family's kite before testing them in a kite-flying contest.

Community Helpers

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Community Helper** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's interview on a wall.

Zoo Masks

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Zoo Mask** parent note with each student.

Display:

Display each family's mask before using them in your class' traveling zoo.

Clowning Around

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Clown** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's clown on a wall.

Oviparous Animals

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Oviparous Animals** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's egg in a museum-like setting.

Easter Egg

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Easter egg** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's egg on a large butcher basket.

Cowboy Hat

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Cowboy Hat** parent note and patterns home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's hat on a wall.

Cattle Brands

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Cattle Brands** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's brand on a wall.

Recycled Re-creations

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Recycled Re-creations** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's product and description in a museum-like setting.

Ocean Diorama

Directions:

Send a copy of the **Ocean Diorama** parent note home with each student.

Display:

Display each family's diorama in a museum-like setting.

Dear Parents:

Family projects are designed to involve each member of the family in your child's education and development as a learner. This month's family project is to **create an original flight-worthy kite**. We will actually go kite flying with these kites. Remember that kites may be any shape, size, or style.

Feel free to research kite making at the public library. They have many great books as well as free access to the Internet.

Here are a few web sites on kite building:

<http://www.skratch-pad.com/kites/make.html>

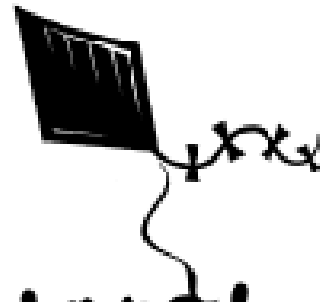
<http://www.kidwizard.com/ThingsToMake/Kite.asp>

www.clem.freemove.co.uk

- Step 1. Research kite making. Gather materials and create your family's kite.
- Step 2. Go outside and test the kite. Make any necessary corrections or additions.
- Step 3. Return this project by: _____.

Thank you for participating in this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kite Flying Invitation



LET'S GO FLY a Kite!

- WHO:** YOUR CHILD AND FAMILY
- WHAT:** Make a KITE THAT WILL FLY.
(PLEASE DO NOT USE A STORE BOUGHT KITE.)
- WHEN:** WE WILL TEST OUR KITES AROUND
__:__. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST OR TAKE
PICTURES, PLEASE SIGN IN AT
THE FRONT OFFICE.
- WHERE:** _____