

# FAMILY GAME NIGHT

## Overview

A family game night can bring many families together to share an enjoyable experience together. It is a positive experience to get different families to get together and share a common experience to create a better community in the classroom. A family game night has the possibility to build stronger relationships inside your classroom but also within families. It also allows parents and students to learn new games and new life skills together. The family game night at school does not have to be a big ordeal. It could be as simple as gathering a few board games or group games to play as an entire group or in small groups. Let the games begin.

## Game Night Tips

- Try to accommodate families and set a time that works for everyone
- Have a time frame so families can join later if they can
- Have a variety of games
- Have a couple group games
- If possible, put away all screens
- Have snacks or drinks available, if possible
- Remind everyone to relax and enjoy and be in the moment
- Start off with a group game to set the tone for the evening
- Encourage playing games with families that are unfamiliar

## Purpose

- Teach new games to family
- Let families get to know each other through fun interactions
- Teach and reinforce new skills
- Stimulate learning
- Make the students curious about new activities
- Help develop life skills
- Learn how to follow directions and to communicate in a positive manner
- Develop child's critical thinking and social skills
- Encourage sportsmanship
- Build character

## Ideas for Games

- Families can bring in board games to share
- Minute to win it games
- Fishbowl
- Charades
- What's in the bag
- 20 questions game
- Lego game night
- Jenga
- Trouble
- Sequence
- Code Names
- Catan
- Etc.