

A NOTE ABOUT **HOMESIDE**
ACTIVITIES

Dear Family Members and Family Friends,

Welcome to Homeside Activities! Your child will bring these home to do with you once or twice a month—to add a “homeside” to the “schoolside” learning we are doing in class. These 15- to 20-minute activities

- are built around conversations between you and your child,
- deal with topics and ideas related to your child’s schoolwork;
- may involve your child in a short writing or drawing activity, and
- help create a partnership between school and home.

You will find that in Homeside Activities there are no “right” or “wrong” answers, no right or wrong ways to do the activities. You can take the conversation in any direction you want, and you can have as many family members participate as you’d like. Just having these conversations is what counts, because they help your child develop thinking and language skills for life. These assignments contribute to your child’s academic and social learning because

- they help you stay in touch with your child’s learning;
- working with you increases your child’s interest in the work;
- your child gets to practice communication skills and think about important ideas; and
- your child learns from you and sees how school learning relates to “real life.”

These don’t take long to do, and I’ll try to give you plenty of time to fit them into your schedule. Also, teachers will plan together when to use these activities. That way, if you have several children at school, they won’t all bring these home at the same time.

Thanks for taking the time to share these wonderful learning experiences with us. I hope you and your child enjoy Homeside Activities.

Your child’s teacher,

Mrs. Kelly Williams



NOTES

Ways the Homeside Activities will be different from other homework:

Some things the adult might like about your "homework" conversations:

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Comments

After you have completed this activity, each of you please sign your name and the date below. If you have any comments, please write them in the space provided.

Signatures

Date

Please return this activity to school. Thank you.