

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Our school SCC wanted to invite parents to be more engaged in our school. They decided to send out a survey at the beginning of school asking parents if they were willing/able to help out at school, and what they would like to be doing. I had quite a few responses in my kindergarten classroom. Some parents wanted to help out at special events like track and field or swimming days, but some others had ideas that they wanted to come in and try with the class.

I ended up having 3 parents that wanted to come into the class to share a special talent or skill.

We started off by having a parent come in who coached gymnastics. She spent a few days with the class teaching them soccer skills.

Next, we had a parent who was a certified yoga instructor. She came in and spent two gym classes teaching the children about yoga.

Finally, we had a mom who loves to do crafts. She came in and taught the kids how to make marbled paper (see the lesson on how to make it in this issue).

All three activities went over well with the students, and I was able to tie them to curricular areas. It was great to have parents come in and share pieces of themselves with us.

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