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19a. Teaching staff explains activities and classroom rules to family members and guides them in participating in the classroom, outdoors, and in other class activities and events, according to school rules.



Description: By facilitating regular home-school communication in a consistent manner, the teacher can support families and provide guidance as needed. This teacher sends a notebook home every week containing samples of the child's work and updates on class and family participation activities.

Description: A mailbox for each family keeps them informed about what is going on in the classroom and facilitates communication in this classroom.



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19b. There is evidence that teaching staff encourages family members to share cultural heritage and practices, stories, activities, and languages.



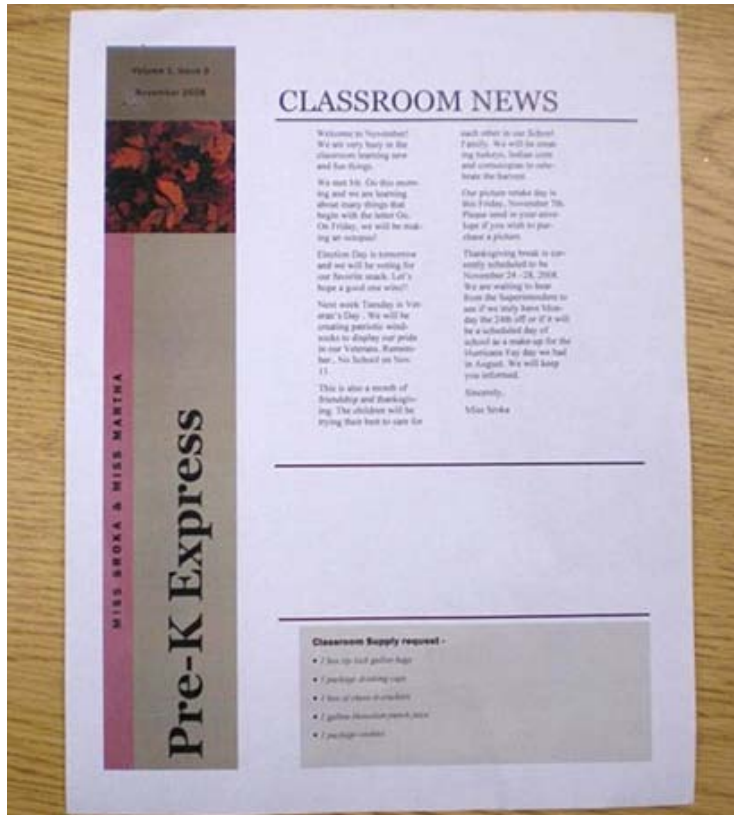
Description: This display of photos depicts family and cultural activities at the homes of the children in the classroom. Children are encouraged to add pictures to the board and talk about them with classmates.

Description: Several parents recorded a number of stories in their child's native language to be enjoyed in the book and listening center.



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19c. Teaching staff shares positive behavior strategies for consistency in addressing challenging behaviors both at home and at school.



Description: Materials are sent home in the family's native language whenever possible.

Description: In addition to current classroom activities, this bi-weekly newsletter contains positive behaviors strategies for families to use with their children and reinforces strategies used in the classroom.

