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Kindergarten to Third Grade Education Program Resource Packet

The Division of Early Childhood Services, Office of Kindergarten to Third Grade Education Programs (Office of K-3), developed a packet of resources to assist New Jersey's early childhood educators in building effective home/school partnerships that support student learning and development. The content of the resource packet provides early childhood educators, administrators, and families with equitable support to use home and school learning partnerships as a tool to improve student outcomes. The primary goal of the [K-3 Resources](#) is to expand and strengthen learning beyond the classroom.

The packet contains targeted resources, communication templates, learning tools, and sample communications on a variety of topics. The subject matter of each resource was developed with input from NJ practitioners who work with parents and families daily.

Several resources in the packet may be used for professional learning and then turn-keyed to work effectively with parents and families. Other resources are for teachers to give directly to families to build their capacity to help their child learn, provide specific guidance on applying the student learning standards outside of school, and share other more basic information such as how to effectively communicate with the school about their child. The material is intended to enhance best practices already in place and can help reduce any possible burden of creating additional high-quality resources.

The resources can be utilized for one-to-one teacher/parent communication, classroom newsletters, Back-to-School events, new student orientation, at the end of marking periods, after parent/teacher conferences, and for a variety of purposes throughout the school year.

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