To: FACE Parent Educators

From: Parents as Teachers

Topic: Plan and materials for Everything Literacy! Building language skills in single and dual language learners

Enclosures: FACE Family Circle Plan: Everything Literacy! Building language skills in single and dual language learners.

How many times have parents heard, “read to your child”? With everyday demands, parents sometimes forget, do not get around to reading, or maybe do not feel comfortable reading to their children. The purpose of this FACE Family Circle is to not only help parents enjoy reading to their children, but to help them understand how reading to them in their native language encourages literacy development and a strong sense of cultural identity.

The goals of this FACE Family Circle are to help families understand the benefits of reading to their child, particularly in their native language; to help families make the connection between reading, vocabulary development, and success in school and life; to introduce families to book sharing strategies specific to the age of their child; and to help them create their own “Reading Promise” with their child and setting goals around book sharing. As you prepare for this FACE Family Circle, we encourage you to choose magazines and pictures that reflect the culture of your program for the activity. As always, be sure to ask open-ended questions and use techniques to encourage sharing between parents.

As usual, you will want help from the rest of your team; therefore we encourage you to use the FACE Family Circle Task Sheet for planning. Take pictures at your Family Circles and submit them to the FACE newsletter to share with other sites. We are eager to receive your feedback and discuss your challenges and successes.

**This package includes the following:**

Pack of 100 Index Cards (6 cards per book)
5 packs of crayons
5 glue sticks
1 hole puncher
15 sets of yarn
Folder containing the FACE Family Circle Plan and all necessary handouts