

# PARENT A GLANCE

Find out what your child is **learning** and how to **help**.

Subject	Middle School Beginning ESL	Middle School Intermediate ESL	High School Beginning ESL	High School Intermediate ESL	
Ideas students are learning	Students will write and talk about their physical, cultural, and social environment.	Students will read, write, and talk about the role that traditions and customs play in people's lives.	Students will read examples of people transmitting wisdom from person to person and consider what constitutes good advice.	Students will read, write, and talk about the influence of family on personal identity.	
Skills	Students will learn how to speak and write in the past tense and how to describe relationships.	Students will explore the use of symbolism in literature and develop their ability to describe events in the past tense.	Students will learn how to give advice in English. They will also practice making inferences about what they read.	Students will practice explaining things in well-supported, well-organized paragraphs.	
Work and assignments to look for	Students will write descriptions of family members and a narrative about a special celebration.	Students will create a visual symbol of an abstract concept as part of a group project. They will also write a past tense narrative.	Students will write a letter of advice. They will also write about a person whom they consider to be wise.	Students will write about an important food in their family. They will also make a presentation about their cultures or families using computer technology.	
Questions Parents Can Ask	What cultural traditions are you learning about? How do they differ from our own traditions?	What concept are you symbolizing and how? Can you summarize the events in the story that you are writing?	What is your definition of wisdom? Whom do you consider to be wise? What constitutes good advice?	What person in the family or family tradition has had the greatest influence on you and why?	
Special Notes	Report cards are distributed at the end of each six weeks. Please contact the school to discuss your child's progress.	Report cards are distributed at the end of each six weeks. Please contact the school to discuss your child's progress.	Report cards are distributed at the end of each six weeks. Please contact the school to discuss your child's progress.	Report cards are distributed at the end of each six weeks. Please contact the school to discuss your child's progress.	