

# 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 be introduced to U.S. culture and they will compare it to their native culture.	Students will explore the concept of personal identity through reading and writing.	Students will become acquainted with the American school system and learn how to make simple descriptions.	Students will explore, through reading and writing, the factors that influence the choices that people make.	
Skills	Students will learn how to ask and answer questions and speak and write in the present tense.	Students will learn strategies for participating in classroom discussions and expressing themselves in writing.	Students will learn how to ask and answer questions and speak and write in the present tense.	Students will practice summarizing fiction and non-fiction texts. They will also learn how to write past tense narratives.	
Work and assignments to look for	Students will write and make presentations about a food, a job, and/or a country they would like to visit.	Students will write a self-portrait and a narrative from the point of view of a character in the novel <i>Seedfolks</i> .	Students will make a presentation to the class about their names and write a poem describing themselves.	Students will write about a time that they made an important choice.	
Questions Parents Can Ask	What are you learning about U.S. culture? What topic have you chosen to write and present about?	What novel are you reading in class and what is it about? ( <i>Seedfolks</i> , a novel about a community garden project)	Do you know the meaning and origin of your name? What physical characteristics can be used to identify a person?	What important choice are you writing about? What did you learn from this experience?	
Special Notes	U.S. schools encourage parent participation and input. Please contact the school to see how you can become involved.	U.S. schools encourage parent participation and input. Please contact the school to see how you can become involved.	U.S. schools encourage parent participation and input. Please contact the school to see how you can become involved.	U.S. schools encourage parent participation and input. Please contact the school to see how you can become involved.	