

NAEYC Week of Young Child

April 16 to April 20

April 20- Family Friday Activities



Infant/Toddler Age

Activity: Family Tree

Supplies Needed:

- Pictures of the children, their family members, other familiar people (including staff members, pets, etc.), and class activities.
- Paper cut into the shape of a tree
- Clear contact paper

Instructions:

- Cover the “tree” with pictures collected. Pictures may overlap.
- Cover the “tree” with clear contact paper. Recycle cardboard for the backing.
- Place the “tree” at eye-level of the children in your classroom where it can be easily seen and touched by all children. The cozy area may be an especially good spot.

Pre-school Age

Activity: Flannel Family OR Who Am I?

Supplies Needed:

- Large piece of flannel
- Shapes of people and household items made out of flannel

Instructions:

- Hang a LARGE piece of flannel on the wall that is separated into rooms.
- Provide flannel pieces in shapes of people and household items for the children to place on the board.
- This would work well in your manipulatives center as well on a smaller scale!

Who Am I?

- Ask questions that describe something a family member does at home.
- Let the children answer, and remember, there is no right or wrong answer here!
 - Dads might be the ones to cook at home or Moms do the driving!
 - I am thinking of a family member who cooks dinner; does dishes; feeds the dog, etc.

School Age

Activity: Family Customs OR Family Fun

Supplies Needed:

- Family members
- Customs or interests and skills of family members
- Children’s work

Instructions:

- Activity 1
 - Invite families to share family customs interests, and skills
- Activity 2
 - Family Fun: Invite families to a culminating event and showcase children’s work and/or performances.

NAEYC Activity:

- Invite parents for a Family Friday breakfast, where children can prepare and share breakfast treats with their families!

Activity Alignment with NCFELD or SACERS-U		
Age Group	NCFELD	SACERS-U
Infants	LDC	
Toddlers	APL, HPD, LDC & CD	
Preschool	APL, HPD, LDC & CD	
School-Age		Interactions between staff and parents: 5.3 & Cultural Awareness: 7.1

NCFELD Domains: Approaches to Play and Learning (APL), Emotional and Social Development (ESD), Health and Physical Development (HPD), Language Development and Communication (LDC), and Cognitive Development (CD)

Examples of language that can be used between caregiver and child:

Infants/Toddlers:

- “Yes! That’s your Mommy with your brother. Where’s Suise? Where’s Tom?”
- “Oh, I see a doggy with curly black fur. Where do you think he’s going?”
- “Daddy’s giving you a hug in this picture. He’s coming back later, isn’t he?”

Preschool:

- “What is something fun you do with your family?”
- “How do you help you Mom or Dad cook dinner?”

School Age:

- “Do you speak other languages in your home? If so, can you teach us a few words.”
- “What’s one of your favorite meals and why?”