

Summer of Fun and Learning Catalog

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As the school year draws to a close, students and families are looking forward to a summer of fun and adventure. Although Covid-19 restrictions are lifting, there are still many limitations of what families can do with their children. In addition to those limitations, schools also see the summer slide on the horizon. With that in mind, Parr Elementary School staff organized a list of summer family resources into a colorful, easy-to-read, and informative online family

catalog. Parr staff hoped this catalogue would help to build stronger relationships with their families by providing them with resources to continue learning over the summer in a fun and interactive way.

The creation of this online catalog involved Parr's Family Engagement Liaison and Attendance Secretary, as well as the district's Title I Family Engagement Liaison Coordinator. The Title I Family Engagement Coordinator sent an email to all liaisons containing a list of summer opportunities for families. From there, the liaison at Parr Elementary School customized the resources into a format that would resonate with the school's families. Once the content of the online catalog was completed, the attendance secretary at Parr assisted with making the catalog fun and colorful. When the catalog was finalized, it was sent out to all liaisons in the school district who were invited to personalize the front cover and use it for their families as well.

This online catalog is meant to be distributed to families during the last week of school and consists of 13 pages informing families of both local and online opportunities, such as Denver free days, summer learning, family community activities, healthy family ideas, local summer camps, and more. Each section contains a variety of locations and activities for families to engage in will be both fun and educational. Additionally, this online catalog contains friendly features, including hyperlinks and short descriptions of each resource. These features not only help the families determine which opportunities are best for them but will also direct them to each website to explore further and plan their summer visit.

Challenges of creating this online catalogue were minimal. Because the catalog was designed so close to the end of the school year, many other family engagement liaisons were unable to offer the supports to their families. Another challenge was formatting the catalog to be easy to read as well as informative to where families could determine the best opportunities for their family. Lastly, there continues to be the potential challenge of any information changing from the resources provided and being able to make those changes in the catalog and getting the translated catalogs updated as well.

Parr's family engagement liaisons offers the follow advice: "For those who would like to replicate this online catalog for families, it would be beneficial to work from the original that was created and personalizing it as they see fit because starting from scratch could be very time consuming and can feel overwhelming. This would also help with consistency across this district on what families are receiving. It would also be helpful to work with other schools to ensure that there is not any valuable resources or information missing from the catalog that would be good for families to be aware of."

Essential Element 4—Dedicate Necessary Resources
Standard 3—Supporting Student Success