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Dear Sycamore Families,

Last May, we introduced FAMILY CONNECT NIGHT. Our DASA/Character Education Team and faculty agree that, in this busy and overscheduled world, we often do not have enough time to cherish what is important.

We believe that family unity is vital to the foundation of Sycamore Avenue Elementary School. Quality, uninterrupted time is essential to keeping families close. Research has shown that reinforcing relationships by seizing and savoring moments of connection benefit the well-being of both parents and children.

To encourage and support this important goal, we plan to designate a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of every month for the remainder of the school year as “Family Connect Night”. We understand that there are often events or activities that follow a specific weekday schedule. With a rotation of days, we are hopeful that all families have many opportunities to participate.

Academic homework will not be assigned on these nights with the hopes that your family will spend time together with a preferred activity! There is a list of suggested activities on the back of this letter.

***We encourage families to turn off the screens and all electronics!***

The following dates are designated as ***Family Connect Nights***:

<b>Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup></b>

Sincerely,  
The Sycamore Avenue DASA/Character Education Team

# 100 Family Fun Night Ideas

## Outdoor Activities

- Backyard camping
- Stargazing
- Geocaching
- Pokemon hunting
- Play at the park
- Scavenger hunt
- Squirt gun fight
- Fly a kite
- Go boating
- Bike ride
- Hike
- Play baseball
- Family Walk
- Glow in the dark bowling
- Run in the sprinklers
- Water balloon fight
- Feed the ducks at a pond
- Play tag
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Play soccer
- Go swimming
- Play croquet
- Go fishing
- Go rollerskating
- Plant a tree
- Play volleyball

## Game Nights

- Conversation Jenga
- Yard Yahtzee
- Pudding Pictionary
- Charades
- Minute to win it
- Shaving cream Twister
- Bingo
- Guess Who
- Scategories
- Connect 4
- Would you rather
- The Mouth Game
- Candyland
- Chutes and Ladders
- Loaded questions
- Life
- Monopoly
- Spoons

## Around Town

- Laser tag
- Arcade
- Paint ball
- Ice skating
- Visit a museum
- Go window shopping
- Go to an aquarium
- Visit a nature center
- Art gallery
- Farmers market
- Go bowling
- Go to the dollar store

## Movie Nights

- Backyard movie with a projector
- Create a popcorn bar
- Dress up and stay in character during the movie
- Drive in movie night with cardboard boxcars
- Add a concession stand of snacks
- Have a double feature
- Bring your mattresses in the living room and sleep over after the movie

## Food Nights

- Make your own pizza
- Go to a kids eat free restaurant
- Fondu night
- Around the world dinner
- Mystery meal
- Homemade ice cream
- Make cookies
- Make homemade pasta
- Ice cream Sunday bar
- Breakfast for dinner
- Decorate cookies

## Arts/Crats

- Paint your own pottery
- Canvas art
- Make a bird feeder
- Ty-dye T shirts
- Squirt gun painting
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Make sock puppets and put on a play
- Make origami
- Play play dough
- Make sculptures
- Make your own pinata

## Wacky Play

- Build a blanket fort
- Make your own slime
- Have a Nerf war
- Karaoke
- Talent show
- Hide and seek in the dark
- Pillow fight
- Play dress up
- Dance party
- Silly string fight
- Glow-stick party
- Hula hoop contest
- Make a family video
- Have a wacky photoshoot