Example

**Parent Activity Strength**

Becoming familiar with and integrating the cultural traditions of ELL families in the classroom

**Idea to Continue this at home**

It sets a very good first impression upon ELL parents if the teacher has done HER homework. Being familiar with ELL family culture would stress the importance of education by all involved, even teachers still learn. This would also make such a positive impact on establishing trust. I believe it would establish a positive rapport / relationship of respect of their culture, thus leading to open communication between, school staff, parents and students.

**Parent Activity Strength**

Create a welcoming classroom environment

**Idea to Continue this at home**

Creating a welcoming environment is very important and helpful to ELL students and families. It would ease the transition from familiar to unfamiliar surroundings. It would also foster an inviting and accepting environment from which students and families will feel comfortable to share helpful and important information

**Parent Activity Strength**

Making Personal Connection with Families

**Idea to Continue this at home**

Making personal connections with families, I think is a great way to get to know ELL parents and ease communication between you and them. I know in the Head Start where I work, I have parents (These are English speaking parents) who are very standoffish at the beginning of the year, partly because I was new and they didn’t know me. Throughout the year, I have tried to find things (through our conversations) that we could both relate too. By doing this, we have talked more, I have gained a little of their trust (I hope!!). Hopefully, if they are ever in need of anything (for themselves or their children), they will feel comfortable enough to ask me. Because we are here for the families as we are for the students.