



HOSTING AN ATTENDANCE CAFE

MENU:

Special Today: ATTENDANCE

Appetizers:

- Welcome and Parent Cafe' Agreements
- 3 Minute conversations with your designated partner. Each partner gets a turn to respond to these questions:
 - How was school attendance for you when you were students?
 - Did you go every day?
 - Did you miss a lot?

Entrée:

- Discuss this question for 15 minutes:
 - Did you know that child who miss 28 days of the school year (2 days a month) starting in kindergarten are less likely to learn to read by third grade and graduate from high school?
- Discuss this question for 15 minutes:
 - What are some of the obstacles that parents face in getting their children to attend school every day?
- Discuss these questions on the new table for 15 minutes:
 - What are some ways that parents can overcome these obstacles?
 - How can you help other parents overcome these obstacles?

Dessert:

- Conversation reflection: Table Hosts summarize the conversations at their tables.
- Volunteer to be on an Attendance Committee
- One word reflection

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