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*TVEC Classroom Celebrates "Family Fridays"*

Elverson, PA – Fridays to most people are the best day of the week and at the Twin Valley Elementary Center (TVEC), Fridays are even better because they involve families.

Students in Ms. Stephanie Koch's Multiage 1-2 class celebrate "Family Fridays" on the first Friday of every month. Parents, siblings and other family members are invited to attend and have the opportunity to share in their child's learning success, as well as participate in a community building activity. Parents are able to view their child's work, as well as meet with the teacher or other parents.

"We began Family Fridays this year as a way to involve parents in their student's education," said Koch. "For the students, it has provided an opportunity for them to take ownership of their learning by showing parents what they have studied, as well as experiencing being a family with everyone in the classroom. The time a child spends in the classroom is a huge part of their life and should be shared with the most important people in their life."

Some of the Friday themes throughout the year have included, "Finding Family connections," Reader's Theater, Author's Tea, and Academic Choice. The final Family Friday in June just happens to be on the last day of school where the students will close out the year with a family picnic.

TVEC strives to establish the feeling of community within the school, as well as the individual classrooms. Teachers and staff incorporate and support the Responsive Classroom Approach, which emphasizes social, emotional and academic growth in a strong and safe school community.

"Parents are a vital part of their child's success in school," continued Koch. "We are an education team and without what they do at home, and their support for what I do, a great deal of what happens in my classroom would not be possible."

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**PHOTO: Kayla Gillen, a multiage 1-2 student in Ms. Stephanie Koch's room, has fun with her Dad Frank at a recent Family Friday.**