

Torrington Even Start English as a Second Language Learner Topic Tracking Chart

**Please indicate the topic you are covering each week and a quick overview of your lesson.

Date: Dec 20th, 2012	Topic and Lesson Overview
Parenting	<p>Topic: Annual Jump Rope Holiday Show</p> <p>Lesson: We will be attending the jump rope show in the gymnasium. This is meant to show the parents some of the extracurricular activities available at Forbes.</p>
Media	<p>Topics: Home-school communication, Resources for helping children cope with the Newtown tragedy.</p> <p>Lesson: Introduce resources available for parents and educators through iConn.org, Connecticut's Virtual Library at http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/HelpingChildrenCopeWithTragedy.htm Discuss how children may be responding and how some families (including my own) are handling the questions and fears raised by the events in Newtown. Strategies discussed included limiting exposure to radio, TV and other media during this time, answering questions in an age-appropriate ways, giving reassurance of their safety at school & home, giving extra affection, maintaining normal routines and responding to what children are actually asking.</p> <p>Log in to email accounts and check for responses from teachers. If unsuccessful in sending last week's email, send a holiday greeting email to the teacher in English. Learn to use the CC field to send copies to others.</p>
Medical	<p>Topic: Newtown Tragedy</p> <p>Lesson: We made snowflakes to decorate the new school for the children of Sandy Hook. This gave the students and media center employees an opportunity to do something for the Sandy Hook community while also being able to discuss their feelings about this tragic event.</p>

