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A Note from the ELAA Team



We are so grateful to you all for another wonderful session. Thank you for all of the **time, creativity,** and **hard work** you put into helping your students acquire the English they need in their daily lives. **We are thankful for each and every one of you!**

Sincerely,
Jennifer, Karen, Chila, and Kate

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Wrapping Up a Great Session

Can you believe it's already May? It's time to think about how to wrap up your classes in a fun, interactive way that includes opportunities for English practice! Check out the ideas below!



- **What do you do on the last day of school?**

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Celebrate Student Learning!

Every session, we ask you to use the **Celebration of Learning** forms to report your **students' growth**. This information helps us report our successes to donors and funders, and it helps us know how we're doing as a program. Plus, it just makes us **smile** to read **happy stories!** Check out some great ones below:

*"Thanks to the English classes they have given me, **I can communicate better** with my husband's daughter when she comes on weekends. I can tell her what I learned in school, or how she has gone in her day, or what she likes to eat and play. I feel more **confident** now to leave alone and I do not have to use much the translator of my cell phone. Thank you very much."*
-beginning student from the Dominican Republic

*"**I can speak** with my supervisor at my job. I can ask more questions and do better at my job." -beginning student from Mexico*

*"I can call for appointment with the doctor and he understand. I talk with the plumber. **I feel well because they understand me.**" -intermediate student from Mexico*

*"For me, speak on telephone is always a problem. But this session I improve my English and **I was able to schedule an appointment** using my cellphone." -advanced student from Brazil*

*"My **interview** with the immigration was successful and I got my **green card.**" -advanced student from Mexico*

*"My wife is pregnant and I involve with everything about "Baby", like baby shower celebration, medical information and hospital tour, and purchasing many things to take care of our baby. **All***

have been good opportunity to practice English." -advanced student from Iran

*"Since I started my classes in English, **I'm better in my life** with my son's school. When I go to shopping and when I need something. **I feel better now** in this country, now I can speak with American people."* -intermediate student from Mexico

*"My son was sick and he had to stay at intensive care for a while. During that time, obviously, I had to speak English and I had to understand what doctors said. So this class helped me to be able to **speak English even in a hard situation.**"* -advanced student from Turkey

*"On last Monday my son and granddaughter they were very sick. We went to see the doctor. My son couldn't speak, so **I talked to the doctor** to explain him how they felt. It was a nice experience for me."* -beginning student from Mexico

*"Last week I had an experience in a restaurant that was the whole family. Always my daughters speak for me but that time we went to the restaurant, I had the opportunity to speak English and order food for the whole family. It gave me great pleasure because **I felt very happy for all that I have learned.**"* -beginning student from Mexico

*"I made calls by phone to different organizations. **I'm not afraid now** to talk by phone. I feel **confident** more and more. I'm going to continue taking classes here because every day I learn some different. Thanks to all of you."* -advanced student from Mexico

*"The parking lot where my sister-in-law lives changed the manager. The new manager was visiting the renters, but my sister-in-law doesn't speak in English so she called me by phone to translate their conversation. **I was glad to be helpful!**"* -intermediate student from Mexico

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Important Dates

- **Last day of Spring classes:** May 11, 2018
- **First day of Summer classes:** June 18, 2018
- **Last day of Summer classes:** July 27, 2018
- **ELAA Fall Kick-Off:** September 8, 2018
- **First day of Fall classes:** 2nd & 3rd weeks of September, 2018



Resource for Students

The US Census Bureau is searching for bilingual speakers of English and Chinese, Arabic, Polish, Haitian Creole, French, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, and Russian at its Tucson Telephone Center. Share [this PDF](#) with your students!



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Volunteer Opportunity

Literacy Connects has adopted Prince Road between Oracle and First. If you or your family and friends are interested in showing the neighborhood that Literacy Connects is a leader in the community, you can sign up for a cleanup date [here!](#)

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Don't Forget!

When you are feeling **stumped** or want some **inspiration**, check out the [ELAA Tutor Resources](#) page. It's always there for you!



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