

# Remind for elementary schools



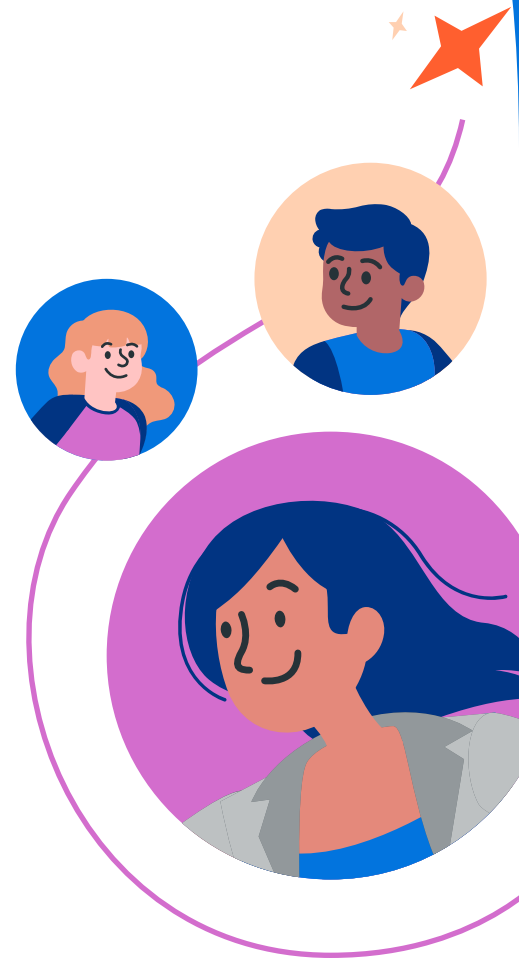
Keeping families informed and engaged is key for elementary school teachers and administrators.

Research shows that the home-school connection is vital for student success, and **Remind Hub** allows for simple and effective communication that helps parents and other caregivers get involved in their child's learning. Teachers can use their computer or mobile device to message a class or an individual—without sharing personal information.

Here are some ways you can support your elementary school community and students with Remind.

## Build a learning community that goes beyond the classroom.

- ~ Include families in everyday learning by sharing pictures with captions to highlight classroom activities, or spotlighting a learner of the week.
- ~ Send conversation starters to families to encourage them to discuss classroom topics at home.
- ~ Use automatic two-way translation to connect with caregivers in their preferred languages.
- ~ Let families know what documents to expect, so progress reports, report cards, and forms are less likely to end up at the bottom of a backpack. Better yet, send PDF copies directly via Remind.



## Address academic and behavior challenges.

- ~ Message caregivers directly to notify them when their child has fallen behind, or if they're struggling with managing their behavior.
- ~ Send home homework reminders, ideas for supplemental activities, and links to videos, articles, and other online resources that build on academic and social/emotional curriculum.
- ~ Don't connect only when things are going wrong: send messages to families highlighting when students exemplify school values or show academic growth and persistence.

## Communicate updates and logistics.

- ~ Send morning notifications about picture days, library days, lunch menus, due dates, and special events.
- ~ Assign a parent/guardian volunteer as a Remind class co-owner so they can help share information about class celebrations and volunteer needs.
- ~ Send timely information about transportation delays, inclement weather protocol, and schedule changes.



## Increase family turnout and engagement.

- ~ Schedule event reminders one week in advance of big events like open houses and conferences, and another reminder one hour before. Encourage families who can't attend these events to make individual appointments.
- ~ Invite family members to principal coffees, PTA meetings, and other schoolwide activities.
- ~ Reach out to families to request classroom supplies or volunteers.

## Example messages

### Schedule reminders for weekly activities.

It's library day! Make sure your child's books are in their backpacks to renew or return. Books need to be back before students can take out new ones.

### Extend learning beyond the classroom.

We began our unit on the solar system today! Ask your child what "My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles" means.



### Broaden your reach

98% of text messages get read vs 36% of emails in education.



### Calendar reminders

Schedule announcements in advance for schoolwide events, meetings, exams, field trips, and other important dates.



### Go paperless

Attach PDFs and other documents to Remind messages.

**Encourage parents to return important paperwork.**

Attached is the permission slip for next week's field trip. Remember to send it back to me by Wednesday!

**Build school community.**

Carnival is this Friday! This is our biggest fundraiser, and we are still looking for volunteers for the concession stand. Please let us know if you can help!

**Share schedule or transportation changes.**

Bus 276 is running late this afternoon. Expect at least a 10 minute delay.

**Send reminders about important events.**

State testing begins tomorrow. Make sure your student has a good breakfast, a water bottle, and a book to read if they finish early.