

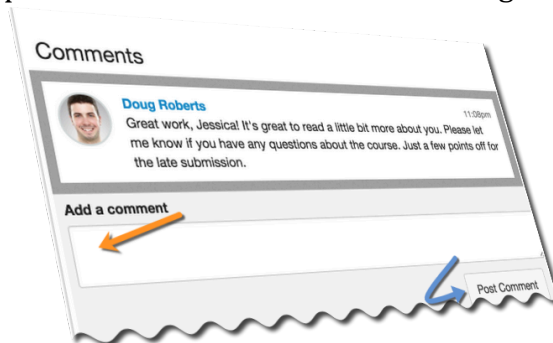
7 Ways Teachers Can Connect with Parents through Home Base & Canvas

1. **Inputting Student Data Equals Peace of Mind.** Input student data early and continuously. Parents grow less anxious when they can track their students' progress.

Canvas Tip: If using Gradebook in Canvas, each column in the Gradebook represents an assignment. Each column displays the assignment title, total points, and student's grade.



Teachers can leave comments for students in Canvas that can be viewed by parents who have connected their login with their student's login.



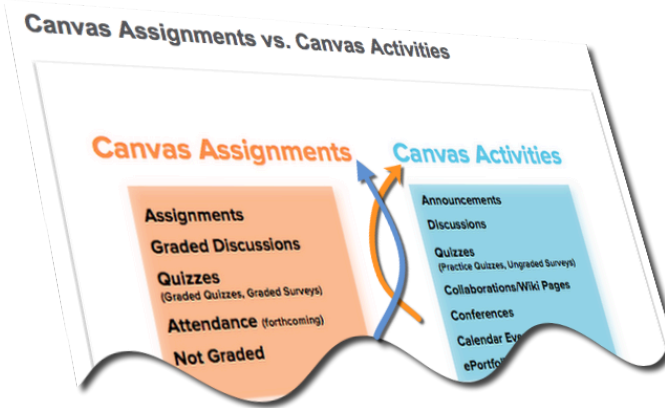
2. Provide parents with **helpful how-to links** during *Back to School Night* so that they know how to link to their students' accounts.

Parents can create a Canvas login as an **Observer** if your school has created user accounts for parents or guardians, or has provided self-registration on their Canvas URL login page. Provide parents with helpful how-to links during Back to School Night so that they know how to link to their students' accounts.

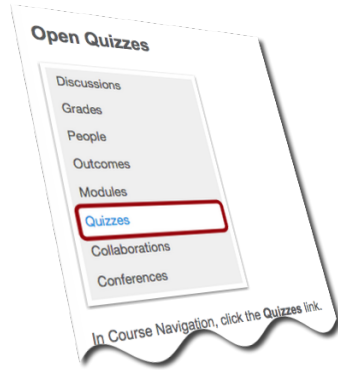
Here's a link that shows parents how to join Canvas as an Observer. Parents will need their student's login and password in advance of registration to link their accounts in Canvas:

[How Do I Sign Up?](#)

3. Share with parents the difference between their students' **Graded Assignments** versus **Activities** that provide a student with learning experiences. Explain how non-graded activities affect student outcomes.



4. Explain to parents how extra-credit assignments are weighted for your students, and then how they can encourage their student to take advantage of extra credit assignments. (Learn how to set up extra credit assignments in Canvas here [How Do I Give Extra Credit?](#))
5. Create Appointment Groups in Canvas Scheduler to host parent-teacher conferences. [Learn to Use Scheduler:](#)
6. Use **Assignment Descriptions** in Canvas. You can include standards covered by an assignment ensuring parents are on track with their student's core standards plan. Use the section description to describe the class, link to syllabus/other online resources and as a place for reminders/important information.
7. **Survey** often. Try turning the frequently asked questions into a parent survey, and then re-survey by semester's end to weigh what parents have learned. Invite parents into what you know about students' learning curves or class benefits of using Home Base, or the many topics you wish every parent knew, by setting up Ungraded Surveys in your Canvas quiz bank.



Be sure to note in the title that the survey is for **Parents**. A survey can provide you with an inclusive, creative tool for engaging parents in their child's classroom activities. For step-by-step instructions for creating a survey in the Canvas quizzes creator, link here—[Create a Survey:](#)

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