


Engaging Parents through Literacy Nights


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Original Literacy Nights

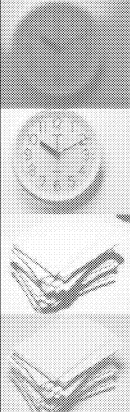
- Parents dropped them off and came back at the end to pick them up

- Children read books and played games



Change in Philosophy

- Parents and children working together
- Building a sense of community
- Building that family connection through literacy



Past Themes

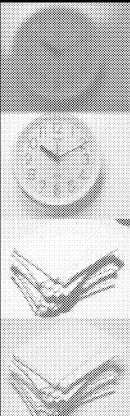
- Fancy Nancy tea party
- Pirates
- Camp
- Clue
- A Night in the Library
- Guess Who?
- Skippyjon Jones Cinco de Mayo
- Fancy Nancy Derby Party



Fancy Nancy Tea Party

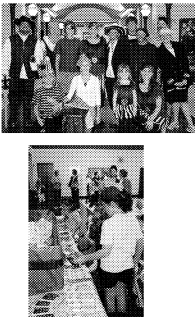
- Dressed up in fancy clothes
- Learned fancy words
- Ate fancy food
- Created fancy placemats
- Won fancy door prizes





Pirate Theme

- Hunt for treasure
- Pirate themed activities at each station
- Pirate snacks of goldfish crackers and water






Camp Theme

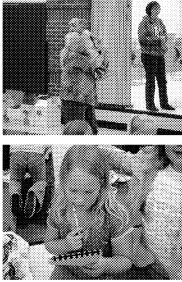
- Set the stage with undecorated Christmas trees and a tent
- Fire made out of Halloween lights under real logs
- Used a trail map to get to each station in the building






Clue Theme


- Something valuable went missing from the library
- Students and parents worked together on activities to earn clues to check off on their clue sheet
- Mystery solved at the end!






A Night in the Library

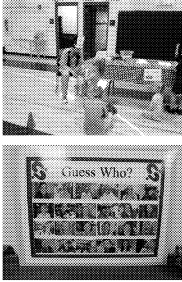
- Mystery in the library
- Book characters moving and talking in the library
- Working together with parents to earn puzzle pieces
- Figure out the riddle and solve the mystery!






Guess Who?



- Faculty and staff on the guess who board
- Asked yes/no questions
- Parents and students worked together at stations







Skippyjon Jones

- Whole school event
- Created bee pinatas
- Parents and students danced together to the Mexican Hat Dance
- Fun door prizes with lots of books given away



Fancy Nancy Derby Party

- Derby hats and horses
- Derby Bingo
- Door prizes filled with Derby supplies and Fancy Nancy books!

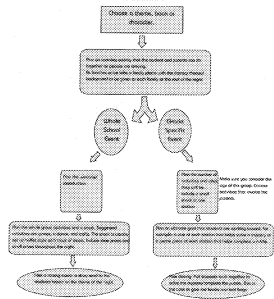


Plan your own Family Literacy Night

- Theme
- Whole school or grade specific (primary or intermediate)
- Stations
- Materials
- Closing Activities

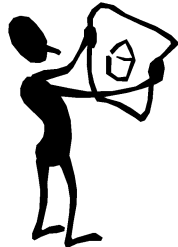



What do I need to do? Planning Your Family Literacy Night Flowchart





Where do I start?





Next year.....

- Car show with a "drive in" movie
- Elephant and Piggie for open house
- Choose Your Own Adventure

Thank you for coming!! ☺



Resources

- **Books I give away:**
- Scholastic Book Clubs
- **Decorations and Resources:**
- Upstartpromotions.com
- K5kaplan.com
- Orientaltrading.com
- **Parent Resources:**
- Readingmatters.net
- K5kaplan.com
- Readnaturally.com
