How to host a Family Book Study Night

1. Work with your building principal to pick a date and time.  
   *One hour in length is great, and having it in your school library is ideal.*

2. Ask teachers to suggest chapter books suited to the book study.  
   *Send a survey via email or a hard copy in teacher mailboxes. You are looking for book recommendations for Grades K/1 as one group, 2/3 and 4/5.*

3. Send out a survey to vote for one book per grade-level grouping.  
   *Use a free program called Doodle (www.doodle.com). Send teachers the link so they can vote for their choice in one easy step!*  

4. Send a flyer to families, inviting them to the Family Book Study.  
   *Offer childcare for younger siblings, or mention no siblings allowed. Include WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN. Use a detachable RSVP form which includes Student Name, Adult Name, and Teacher. List the three books and ask them to check off which group they will be in.*

5. Come up with an agenda for the Book Study.  
   *An agenda should include an ice breaker for groups, discussion questions for each group/book and a closing activity that is related to each book (but doesn’t require too many supplies).*

6. Find a teacher or parent to help facilitate each group.  
   *Give them a list of discussion questions ahead of time.*

7. Send reminders the night before.  
   *Include the event in all school newsletters, Facebook posts, etc.*

8. Attend the event yourself.  
   *Enjoy sharing great literature with families in your school community.*