

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.

