

Family Literacy Night

This is a great activity for a school or for a Community Center for Literacy Month in March. It can go 5:30-6:30 one night. At some schools, parents pick up their preschool children at 5:30 PM. (Check with the school or community center you plan to do this with.) On the night of the activity, you can have snacks: cut up fruit, cheese and crackers, maybe milk and cookies too, for about 30 minutes. Then there will be 30 minutes for a read aloud time. The idea being that the children's parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and members from a Rotary Club will all participate. You can use books from the preschool for the read aloud, and also having the Rotary Club buy some new preschool books to donate to the school's library.

The read aloud part is the most fun. You are in one large room, and everyone just gathers together in small reading groups. The parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and Rotarians all can take turns to read to the children in the small groups. I think groups can probably read about 3 books in a 30 minute time period.

One might end it with a sing a long. Preschool kids really love to sing things like Old Mac Donald and the Eency Weency Spider.

A Family Literacy Night at a school or a Community Center is one idea for a literacy program.