



FCS Family Literacy Day Activities

January 27, 2021

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. ABC creates free learning and promotional resources for anyone that wants to get involved. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

Fox Creek School has a focus on Literacy and Numeracy so it is crucial to stress the importance of Literacy. Please take a look at some of the suggestions from your colleagues for ideas of what you could do on January 27 to Celebrate Family Literacy.

Some suggestions from our teachers:

Arianne and Erin:

Erin and Arianne looked up some ideas and they found a couple links to activities like word searches. Here is the link they found

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/FLD2021-ActivityBook-EN-1.pdf>

They were thinking of creating a picture literacy scavenger hunt for the students and their families to participate in. Some ideas were to:

- Create a character from one of your favourite books using snow
- Spell your name in the snow using materials found outside from a hike on the trails
- Take a selfie reading your favourite book outside
- Take a picture reading to your pet or sibling
- Find 3 items in your house that start with the letter 'L' for literacy
- Try making a new recipe as a family

Colleen:

Each student in the school reads for 15 -30 mins. at the same time, no matter what class they are in. Then we could calculate the hours read by how many students we have. Each teacher could email how many kids they had in class and how long they read for. The primary students could be read to by the teacher. And the classes could read science, shop, cooking, math texts or other info., not just novels. Just a thought! It's celebrating literacy more as a school family than a home family. An idea I'm doing in my class is having each of my students record a meet of themselves reading a book. Then it's on their Google drive and they can play it for their family at home.

Family Literacy Day 2021 Theme: Travel the World Together!

Use your imagination to go exploring and travel the world together as a family – you never know what you'll learn! Plan your dream trip, learn about another culture and open your mind to the world.

Celebrate Family Literacy Day 2021 Virtually with Honorary
Chair Barbara Reid!



Join us online on Wednesday January 27, 2021 from 4:30-5:00pm ET for a special event with author and illustrator Barbara Reid.

Barbara will be doing a demonstration on how to use clay to create a picture. She will share unique techniques you can use to make different things. The event will end with a Q&A.

This event is ideal for children in grades 1 to 6. To register, please [click here](#). Spaces are limited, so be sure to register as soon as possible to secure your spot.