

Dr. Seuss Family Literacy Day

Graysville Elementary

Thursday, March 2, 2017 8:15-9:15 A.M. & 9:45-10:45 A.M.

Minutes

Today was our Dr. Seuss Family Literacy Day! Families entered through the front doors and were greeted by some of our teachers. They were given an agenda, a booklet titled *Lexile What?* that explains the Lexile Framework in a reader friendly way, and they were told to start in their child's classroom. Families signed in in the classroom and were given a handout about the Literacy standards. In the classrooms, the students showed their parents the iPad or Chromebook literacy based presentation that they had prepared for them. After that, they were encouraged to take their students and visit the different literacy activity stations around the school. We had word building and word games in the gym, bookmarks with Lexile level information and fishing for rhymes game in the cafeteria, two special guest story tellers in a classroom, the family reading room where parents could listen to their students read to them or read together, and a question and answer room parents could visit to ask some teachers questions about Lexile, AR, STAR Reading and so on. When families dropped their students back off in their classrooms, they were given an evaluation sheet and were encouraged to fill it out before they left. Every family I encountered as I walked from station to station said they were enjoying themselves and they thought this was a great event and especially enjoyed the time spent with their children.

We also kept a tally of how many books were read school-wide today and GES students, teachers, and families read over 1,100 books!! Wow!!!!

Overall, it was a great day! We had 104 families sign in and we received 44 evaluations back. They all loved the Dr. Seuss theme and most said they would return for another event like this in the future. Only a couple of people expressed that it was not held at a convenient time.