SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR FAMILY READING NIGHT EVENT

A — Art and Books — Have students create book jackets depicting their favorite books.
B — Battle of the Books — Have students read the same book and host a “Battle of the Books” contest.
C — Contests — Hold contests such as Read for Recess, Book Trivia, Bookmark-Making Contests and Book Bingo.
D — Draw Pictures — Ask children to draw a picture about a book you read aloud.
E — Exchange Books — Hold a book exchange where students can trade their gently-used books.
F — Football and Reading — Invite high school football players, cheerleaders and coaches to read to younger students. Have cheerleaders create an R-E-A-D cheer.
G — Guest Readers — Invite celebrity readers or senior citizens to read aloud to children.
H — Help Younger Students — Encourage older students to read to younger students.
I — Invite Other Organizations — Invite the public library or school to collaborate on Family Reading Night activities.
J — Journaling — Encourage families to write in journals. Writing encourages reading.
K — Kick-off Events — Feature a week of reading activities building up to Family Reading Night.
L — Look up Authors — Look up contact information for authors at the library. Have students write letters to their favorite authors or illustrators and mail or e-mail the letters.
M — Make a Display — Collect photos of students and families reading and display them in a prominent location.
N — Newspaper Scavenger Hunt — Create a reading quiz using local newspapers.
O — Open Mic Night — Sponsor a poetry slam or poetry reading for teens and young adults.
P — Pajama Party — Have families wear their pajamas, bring pillows and blankets, and read bedtime stories.
Q — Quiet Time — Provide quiet time for everyone to read silently.
R — Raffles and Drawings — Offer raffles and drawings for books and other prizes.
S — Stations — Set up stations with reading-related parent and child activities.
T — Tasty Treats — Have parents read a recipe to their children then cook it.
U — Under the Stars — Host a camping-themed event. Build tents using blankets and folding chairs and read stories by flashlight under the tents.
V — Video Games — Encourage students to turn off the television and video games and read instead.
W — Word Games — Play word games such as Scrabble or Boggle.
X — Excited — Motivate and excite your students to read! Reward them with pizza parties and book-related prizes.
Y — Yes — Say “Yes” to reading! Get involved in other reading programs such as Read for a Lifetime, Rebecca Caudill Young Readers’ Book Award, Monarch Children’s Choice Award and the Abraham Lincoln High School Book Award.
Z — Zillions — Families across the state reading Zillions of books!