

# Literacy Night

Bear Creek Elementary School  
Monument, CO



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Literacy Night at Bear Creek Elementary School in the Lewis Palmer School District exposes students and families to a variety of fun activities in the school community.

Flyers, a newsletter, and personal outreach were used to invite all students and families in Bear Creek Elementary to Literacy Night. RSVPs were requested from those interested in attending in order to plan for the correct number of people. A volunteer committee of Bear Creek Elementary staff and teachers planned and implemented Literacy Night, while the PTO helped with financial support.

For Literacy Night, various activity stations were set up by grade level with different literacy targets for the activity. Students and family members checked in as they arrived and were given a card. At each station they participated in, they were given a sticker to put on their card. Students and families could attend activity stations according to their grade level, as well as a grade level above or below. At the end of the evening, if they had a certain number of stickers on their card, they were awarded books and prizes.

Staff at Bear Creek Elementary recommend speaking with a literacy coordinator at your school or another school if you are interested in hosting a Literacy Night for students and families. Additionally, it is important to involve parents on the planning committee.

Parents are critical in fostering a love of reading and improving literacy outcomes for students. Additionally, parent involvement in literacy programs has been found to have a positive relationship to the development of the child's social-emotional skills. Literacy Night at Bear Creek Elementary encourages families to become more involved and engaged with their children's literacy skills, thus providing students to succeed academically and socially.