

Holiday Family Fun Night Eiber Elementary School Lakewood, CO



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Eiber Elementary School, located in Jeffco Public Schools, partnered with the Holy Shepherd and Saint Paul's Church to create the Holiday Family Fun Night. The goal of the Holiday Family Fun Night was to provide an opportunity for families to gather for dinner, make holiday cards, and celebrate traditions with their others in the community. Teachers at Eiber Elementary also snuck in a few educational games and crafts at math stations.

The event begins with a free dinner provided by the community and Holy Shepherd and Saint Paul's Church. Families then created holiday cards and made new friends with other Eiber families. Students and their parents then visited math craft and game stations based on grade level and interest. Some of the math games included card games, rolling dice to create place value, and addition and subtraction using a deck of cards.

Eiber's family liaison explains: "Math games can bring fun to the constant drills students endure during homework or during class. Parents will find out that their student will apply math skills more readily when they are entertained. These math games make practicing concepts learned at school fun, emphasizing

mathematical concepts without the

monotony of drills. Every family has the opportunity to build math games which they can then take home to play with their families over the winter break."

Participants shared feedback with school staff after the event. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with families indicating that they wanted more opportunities to socialize and learn throughout the year.

