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Literacy Night at Stratford Avenue

Second graders and their parents participated in Literacy Night at Stratford School on March 30th. Over sixty second graders and their parents came back to school for a special evening of activities and quiet reading time. Students signed-up for one of three special activities: "Character Bingo," "Literature Pictionary," or "Escape from Space." Character Bingo was played with favorite character names from children's literature such as Harry Potter, The Cat in the Hat, Fancy Nancy, Flat Stanley, and many more. Literature Pictionary involved two teams of students and parents drawing the titles of favorite books such as: "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie," "On Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," and others. For "Escape the Space," teams of students used puzzles and thinking skills to work out a code to unlock laptop computers - one team unlocked their computer in fifteen minutes!

At the end of the evening, everyone gathered in the gymnasium with reading material and flashlights to enjoy some silent reading time. Parents, students, teachers, Principal Mrs. Vota, and Assistant Principal Mrs. Hunn were joined by Dr. Ted Cannone, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum in the activity. The hour flew by and many participants expressed interest in enjoying this evening again next year!



Caption for 3-30-17IMG_9767BookCharacterBingo.jpg:
Stratford second grade students and parents gathered together on Literacy Night to play “Character Bingo.”



Caption for 3-30-17IMG_9763SAPictionary.jpg:
Stratford students tested their drawing skills during “Literature Pictionary.”



Caption for 3-30-17IMG_9772ScapeRoom.jpg:

Teams of students worked together to unlock clues like this hidden blue-light message during “Escape from Space.”



Caption for 3-30-17IMG_9783SpaceGroup.jpg:

This group was the first to unlock their laptops by solving a series of clues and puzzles in “Escape from Space.”