

# FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT AT HIGHLAND VIEW



Arriving in pajamas and clutching their cherished stuffed animals and their favorite books, Highland View students and families streamed directly into the Media Center to begin an evening of reading during Family Literacy Night. In the hush of a dimly lit room, the audience was captivated by Dr. Covington's storytelling of two tales, Andrew's Amazing Monsters by Kathryn Berlan and a West African tale, "How Spider Got a Thin Waist" from a collection of stories from The Adventures of Spider by Joyce Cooper Arkhurst.

Next, youngsters guided their families to classrooms to enjoy a story read by one of their grade level teachers, who also shared reading strategies. Students also had an opportunity to share a book with their families or friends. They also enjoyed a snack of milk and cookies. Each child received a bookmark with reading strategies, one side listed ways for students to tackle new words and the other side had a series of questions great readers ask to use as a guide to help them understand their reading.

At the end of the evening, families were serenaded by Highland View parents, Mr. Croft, and Mr. Meekins, playing acoustic guitars. They were accompanied by Ms. Dardarian and Mr. Feffer singing to a "*Literacy Night Sing Out*" to the tune of "*Good Night, Irene.*"

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT





Children selected books in the Media Center.



Dr. Covington told two captivating stories.



Ms. Martins and Ms. Mutafian were eager to read stories to their third graders. Ms. Mutafian read Cinder Edna by Elle Jackson.





Ms. Bennett read The Great Kapok Tree as third and fourth graders listened and enjoyed a snack.



Ms. Ott discussed text features as she read Push and Pull to the first graders.



Ms. Mullaney read Dr. Soto to the kindergarteners.



Ms. Crum read The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Hakes Noble.

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A Highland View parent used an online dictionary to help his student learn the meaning of a new vocabulary word.



A parent and child discussed text features in a non-fiction book.



Mr. Croft, Mr. Feffer, Ms. Dardarian and Mr. Meekins serenaded our Highland View families as they strolled out of the building.