
BRIDGES TO LITERACY

River Elementary School

Winnipeg, Canada

The Bridges to Literacy program brings parents into the school to share with them ways to extend literacy development at home. The goal is to provide help in language and literacy skills through fun and exciting projects. Bridges to Literacy includes the following activities:

School Read-In (Kick-off event) – Families and community members attend a Read-In that includes a pizza lunch served by the school. After a short presentation on the home-school reading program, all children and adults find a comfortable place to read a book together, modeling what they can do at home. All families are encouraged to visit the school library throughout the year.

Games Night – The focus of this evening is to provide make-and-take educational games that families can use at home to develop literacy skills.

Crafts Galore – This is an evening of creating multicultural crafts from recycled materials found at home. Families expand their language and literacy skills as they learn about different cultures and read directions to make the crafts.

Cooking Craze – This family fun night presents recipes for fast, nutritious, low-cost dishes. Families read together and receive new recipes for cooking together at home.

Dip into Drama – Storytellers, Readers' Theatre, and drama activities are the focus of the evening, highlighting the entertaining ways to improve speaking skills.

The combination of a kick-off event and four family fun nights held during the school year keep language and literacy development a priority for all families. Students and families continually experience the joy of learning.

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