

Family Literacy Night

Creating Connections between Home and School

Vernon River Consolidated School (Grades K-9 school population: ~150)
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Vernon River Consolidated Home and School hosted an evening with a literacy coach who shared several activities focused on literacy activities parents can do at home.

- ✚ **PARENTS** who took home tools to engage with their child and increase their reading fluency
- ✚ **TEACHERS** who saw ways to implement these strategies in their classroom.
- ✚ **THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY** who learned that parents and students working together can lead to real learning outcomes.

How were the parents encouraged to attend?

- ✚ The event was promoted through newsletter and website.

Webstory:

Vernon River noticed a need for increased parent engagement in both Math and Literacy, so they decide to divide (pun intended) and conquer – they held workshops devoted to each topic. Experts on delivering curriculum in these areas were brought in to talk to and work with parents to show them new ways and ideas to help them build reader confidence and literacy with their children at home. The literacy night included new ways to think about literacy, and how only 20 minutes a day spent reading a book with your child, or helping them sound out road signs, or read the cereal box, can lead them down the path to confident, fluent reading. There were some excellent online tools that were featured, including all the books that live online via our public library system – no need to pack the car, just log on and start reading. There are even books that read to your child, and encourage them to read along. We have so many resources in our schools and communities to engage parents and students; sometimes we just need a guide to show us the way!