

Certificate of Bright Ideas

Franklin Elementary PTA

Franklin Elementary PTA was proud to present a "Learning Is Fun Night" on March 15, 2003. All students' were encouraged to participate. Invitations were sent home with each individual student encouraging family involvement. Also included in the following activities were pre-school siblings of the students at our school. The response was so great that we had more than 155 people in attendance.

The evening began with our PTA board greeting the students and their families, and giving each family a schedule of different activities and times that they would go to throughout the evening. All of our families were encouraged to participate in a raffle of various prizes at the end of the evening.

The five activities were stationed throughout the school. The first station was The United States Map. It was conducted by our teacher liaison in the commons of our school. Each color group was given a blank map and had 15 minutes to try and fill in as many of the states as they could. Parents were encouraged to help their children. It also gave them a refresher course in Geography.

At the second station the children and their parents went to "The Name Game". They were greeted by one of our board members. At this station we had a board with all the letters of the alphabet with a corresponding value for each letter. The children had to take their last name and find out how much the name was worth. The child with the greatest sum received Math Flash Cards.

At the third station the children were greeted by a member of our board and given a colored lunch bag, various supplies like markers, crayons, stickers, glitter, glue and pipe cleaners. The children created a hand puppet. This was their own puppet from their imagination. This was a relatively inexpensive craft, which the children seemed to enjoy.

The fourth station we matched family against family, it was time for "The Spelling Egg Relay." At this event each family was given a basket of plastic eggs filled with a letter. Each family took turns running back and forth to each basket picking up an egg (one at a time) and trying to spell as many words as possible. After all of this excitement I think we were ready to move on to the next station.

Our fifth activity was snack time this was a big hit with the children. Included with this activity was a "Guess how many jelly beans are in the jar?" The winner received the jar of jellybeans.

We ended our evening with our raffle of various prizes. The cost of this program was \$250.00. It was some of the best money our PTA has ever spent. We are planning on doing "Learning Is Fun Night" again next year.