

To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing to share some great news about our schools annual Family Literacy Night celebration. Each year we pick a book and purchase it for every family in the school through the help of our generous PTA. As a community we read the book and then celebrate it as a family event. This year we picked the book, Legends of Lotus Island: The Guardian Test by Christina Soontornvat. We kick off the reading with a video trailer of the book and then every Tuesday and Thursday we have a question that the kids answer to win prizes. The whole front foyer and cafeteria are decorated with the theme of the book in mind. For Family Literacy Night we have many activities that are planned and carried out by our amazing staff and teachers at our school. Here are a few of the things we do.

1. The cafeteria changes the names of the food they serve to match the characters and theme of the book.
2. Our Art teacher has the students create art pieces that are displayed for the Family Literacy Night event.
3. We have the Scholastic book fair.
4. For family Literacy Night we have a quiz that the families can take together to get their names in a drawing to win one of twelve themed baskets related to the book.
5. Teachers plan and run various stations for the kids and families to participate in. This year Kindergarten had our school Counselor do chair yoga; First grade gave the kids glow sticks and used the gym to do "Danny Go" exercises; Second grade decorated Zen rocks; Third and Speech had a plant treasure hunt for families; Fourth taught the families how to fold an origami Lotus flower; Fifth did an island hop cake walk; Sixth ran the computer lab family quiz for the book.
6. A few of our Kindness Krew students handed out a quote with a cute bean sprout clip.
7. To promote reading we purchased and gave away 10 copies of book 2 in the series. Students put their names in a container to win them.

Here are a few of the pictures from the evening.



Heather Humphrey's our
Speech teacher as Master
Sunback.



Sandy Curtis and Kathy Larkin, Literacy
Committee Leaders



Part of our front display.

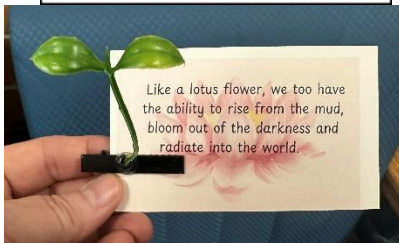


Lotus Island Plant Scavenger Hunt, collect clues to pass the guardian test.



Doors to the ancient Guardian temple.

Susan Paulsin teaching Chair Yoga



We gave out 350 lotus flower gifts to each person that came.

Nibley Elementary Family Literacy Night
LOTUS ISLAND THE GUARDIAN TEST
By Children's Symposium

Wednesday, March 18th 6:00-7:30pm

Activity	Time	Room
Yoga Retreat	6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00	Room 4, Miss Larkin
Zen Rocks		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Decorating Rocks		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Plant growing scavenger hunt		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Guardian Quest		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Animal Transformation		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Shooting Stars		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Ornament		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Blind Maze		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Family Quiz		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Let's Read		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Family Quiz		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Cow in the Box		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Art		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Softball		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt
Chair		Room 11, Mrs. Pratt

*Prizes for the family quiz, Lotus Island book 2 giveaway and the dragon kit will be awarded at 7:00pm (please be present to win!)