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Dear 5th grade Parents/Guardians,

Last evening, our district hosted a Family Literacy Night. This event was an amazing success! Thank you to all of our staff members who planned exciting activities and fun learning experiences for children and family members.

Thank you to all of our families who attended the event and partnered with our district. It was such a great reminder of what we have been missing for the last few years - being together with kids. The fact that we had to move this program from the elementary school to the larger high school due to strong family interest in participating shows how important learning is to our families in Tonawanda. This time together is important and valuable for all involved.

The overwhelming turnout is important to highlight as the true measure of the success of our district. When schools embrace the partnership with parents, families, and the community we ensure success for all our students. It was a night when students and family members could engage in fun activities and innovative literacy and math games that support the work our teachers perform daily. Most importantly, it models for our students that teachers and administrators and parents/guardians/family members are partnered in valuing and prioritizing education, attending school, engaging in learning, and having fun.

Let's continue to build on this event and our partnership. Please encourage and join your children in reading everyday. Studies show if you dedicate 20 minutes a day you will be exposed to 1.8 million words yearly leading to increased general knowledge and communication skills. If you need resources or support to participate in these activities at home, please contact your child's teacher/principal.

Thinking deeply, using logic and reasoning are all skills that you use when trying to solve math problems. Playing math games at home can support this thinking. Studies show critical thinking and concrete analysis that most math problems require increases brain power.

As spring approaches we want to continue our partnership. Please look for information on our Mental Health Series, the First International Food Night on May 17, 2023, and other upcoming opportunities.

Again, thank you for your continued trust and partnership in educating your child. We are proud to educate and support every student. TOGETHER, we can make larger gains in achievement and success for your child. I look forward to seeing you at our next events.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Brown
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