

Whole-school activity suggestions for National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2009

Literacy

Set up a reading buddy system with older students reading selected texts to younger students.

Organise teachers to bring in their favourite books and then run a guessing competition with students guessing who owns each book.

Set up a Mad Hatter's Tea Party or another great feast from a favourite book such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

Find a book blog where students can contribute book reviews (such as www.insideadog.com.au or www.education.theage.com.au).

Use Photostory and get each student to contribute a page to a collective story.

Create a Reading Galaxy (over the week a star is added to the galaxy to represent each book read by the children during this week).

Run a book trivia tournament.

Visit the Connect website for primary students to find interactive literacy games and activities (www.education.vic.gov.au/primary).

Conduct a vote for the top 10 favourite books for a class or year level.

Numeracy

Design and decorate tiles using tessellations, patterns and shapes.

Conduct surveys on school related issues and display results appropriately.

Design a maths trail which encourages students to focus on maths in their local environment by counting, finding shapes and patterns and/or estimating distances.

Visit the Connect website for primary students to find interactive numeracy games and activities (www.education.vic.gov.au/primary).

Set daily mathematics challenges that involve problem solving both individually and in teams - answers and winners can be published in the school newsletter.

Run guessing competitions that encourage students to use estimation skills (e.g. a jelly bean counting competition).

Play dice, card and other games that involve mathematical thinking and concepts.

