

# Family Engagement Activity / Reading is Understanding

(60 minutes)

The focus of the event is educating parents, so they are more equipped and engaged in helping their child(ren) improve.

Possible names: FAM (Family Achievement Matters); PIE (Parents Involved in Education), Family Engagement Night, or Family Literacy is Powerful (FLIP)

## Materials Needed:

- ❖ PowerPoint
- ❖ If you'd prefer - Print out PowerPoint in color and use a Doc. Cam.
- ❖ LCD Projector and laptop (or Document Camera)
- ❖ Reading is Understanding Handout and Student Cards
- ❖ Copies of Reading is Understanding Incentive bookmarks
- ❖ Assortment of leveled books for all the students (possibly pre-determined and labeled)
- ❖ Snack
- ❖ Giveaway Books – one per child at the event
- ❖ Sign-in sheet(s)
- ❖ Parent evaluation sheets (with school name specified)

## Agenda

Parents should pick up handouts and a book for their child to read during the practice time.

1. Welcome
2. Reading is Understanding PowerPoint –

**Instruction and Modeling:** 10-15 minutes

(Consider showcasing some of your own students by modeling STP or Say Something at a couple different reading levels.)

**Time to Practice** (approx. 10 minutes for each strategy)

Give directions about how parents/students should:

- Pick up the book that has your child's name on it.
- Spread out into the space that you have designated.
- Practice the Paired Reading strategy with your child.
- Explain that teachers will be available to answer questions.

3. **Discuss/debrief** in small groups (3-5 adults): 10 minutes

4. **Snack and Book Giveaway:** 10-15 minutes

Instruct families to :

- **Choose an appropriately leveled book to take home.**
- **Enjoy a snack**

5. **Parent Evaluations**