



Family Literacy Backpacks Workshops & Grant Opportunity

Family Literacy Backpacks

Family fun and learning are promoted through take-home theme focused Backpacks. Information and ideas for materials and activities which can be included in these great backpacks are provided at the website www.buddyproject.org

1. Each Backpack is designed around a theme using readily available materials and technologies to promote reading, viewing, and thinking activities for the family at a minimal cost.
2. Included in a Backpack are the following:
 1. Bookmarks are developed with follow-up activities for each book or type of media included in the backpack.
 2. Activity booklets provide additional activities for the theme and websites.
 3. Feedback forms give Backpack developers information for future development.
3. Available for checkout or assignment to families, Backpacks provide a wealth of stimulating material and activities for home discovery and discussion.

Workshops at the Buddy Teaching and Learning Center

Participants will learn the “nuts and bolts” about developing a “Family Literacy Backpacks” project in this make-it, take-it workshop. These thematic Backpacks are sent home with students to promote literacy at home along with interactive family learning. Time will be spent looking at materials made by past school participants in the project, development of goals and a management plan. A Family Night introduction to the project will also be highlighted. Ideas, templates and materials to start developing your own thematic Backpacks will be provided. Plan to develop completed Backpacks and plans for further development of a full project to be implemented in your school.

Workshop date: April 22, 2009

Time: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Location: Buddy Teaching and Learning Center

Registration: www.btlc.org , located under the *Professional Development* section, *Full-Day Sessions*

(Check out the BTLC website www.btlc.org for Family Literacy Backpacks’ Camps scheduled this summer.)

Applications for a grant opportunity will also be provided.