

Book Tasting for Everyone!



The one thing that I truly love about my job is sharing books. Whether it's for educators or children, everyone seems to get excited when I bring in a bunch of new books for them. I got the idea of a Book Tasting from the Reading Specialist from my district and decided to run with it. First, I facilitated a Book Tasting for the staff. Then I facilitated one for 5th graders. This can be done with any group that you want to get books into their hands. Here's how to do it.

1. Collect books! Find interesting ones that will appeal to either the adults or children.
2. Plan a time and place to facilitate the event.
3. Create a place mat. Gather candles, table numbers, etc. Imagine that you are at a restaurant and think about what you would like to see at the table.



4. Send out invitations. When I facilitated the event with the adults, I sent the children around to deliver an invitation to each teacher. When I did it with the children, I just gave it to them so they can be ready on that date.

You're Invited!



- Put a few books on each table, along with a book tasting menu. If doing this activity with staff, you can either share the children's books or other resources that staff may be interested in.



- Have participants select a book and fill out the portion of the menu for each book. Then rotate the books every few minutes.

<p>Book Title: _____</p> <p>Genre/Type of Book: _____</p> <p>The cover of the book is... _____</p> <p>After reading a few pages, what do you think of the book? _____</p> <p>There were _____ words too hard for me to read. I would like to read this book. (circle one) Yes Maybe No</p>	<p>Book Title: _____</p> <p>Genre/Type of Book: _____</p> <p>The cover of the book is... _____</p> <p>After reading a few pages, what do you think of the book? _____</p> <p>There were _____ words too hard for me to read. I would like to read this book. (circle one) Yes Maybe No</p>	<p>Book Title: _____</p> <p>Genre/Type of Book: _____</p> <p>The cover of the book is... _____</p> <p>After reading a few pages, what do you think of the book? _____</p> <p>There were _____ words too hard for me to read. I would like to read this book. (circle one) Yes Maybe No</p>
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- At the end of the session, have the participant write their selection and their rationale for the selected the book.



- The book is theirs to read for a time! If you have people that are interested in the same book, just create a waiting list.

Another fun part that I added to this event was to bring actual refreshments. The principal helped create a real atmosphere for the adults by checking the staff in and seating them at a table as they came to the room. The staff and learners truly enjoyed the event. When you host your event, share pictures with me. I would love to see them.