

Prime Time Sessions Sample Format and Weekly Agenda

First Session

Families are welcomed and receive program entry surveys in a welcome packet. Today's stories are those from the oral tradition chosen by the storyteller/scholar. Our first sessions included a version of *The Three Little Pigs* and *Aesop's Fables*. Stories and discussion time are shorter for the first session.

Sample Weekly Agenda

5:30 p.m. – Welcome families.

Families sign in and receive welcome packets as needed.

Dinner is served. The Prime Time team members eat dinner with the families.

6:00 p.m. – Present library commercial for upcoming programs.

6:10 p.m. – Preschool children go to their group. School-aged children gather for stories.

Parents should actively participate in the activities. Volunteers clean up dinner.

6:10 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. – Storytellers read stories and scholars lead children in a discussion about each book. The books for next week are previewed.

6:55 p.m. – Distribute free books and door prizes.

Welcome Packets

Drawstring backpack provided by Prime Time marketing materials

Library card applications

Program flyers, calendars or library newsletters

Promotional materials from your library

Program entry surveys

Meal and Side Dish Suggestions

Beverages of water and milk

Sides of vegetables, such as baby carrots with ranch dressing

Salad mix with cherry tomatoes

Applesauce

Fresh fruit, such as apple slices or clementines

Dessert (to-go)

Popular main courses include pizza, subs, chicken, pasta trays, DIY tacos, hot dogs with chili

Include vegetarian options

Door Prizes

Small weekly prizes for everyone

Larger prizes are used for random drawings each week for registered families

Items can be purchased or donated

Gift cards are popular for all ages

Volunteers

Volunteers can assist with serving dinner and cleaning up.