

Family Literacy Day at St. Theresa Catholic Elementary – St. Theresa Gives Back

St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School hosted a Family Literacy Day on January 28, 2014 for the primary division. This enriching event for our students supports our shared commitment to promoting early literacy development through a cross curricular approach and through home-school-community collaboration. Laura DaSilva, former Host of YTV's Big Fun Movies and the YTV sketch comedy series System Crash, and Andy Chapman, host of YTV The Zone, and SCI Q for the Discovery Channel, were invited to read the Shel Silverstein classic The Giving Tree to our primary students.

Reading with our children is an effective way to help children become proficient readers and children who enjoy being read to are more likely to learn to read themselves. Having role models within the home and the community who promote a love of reading also profoundly contributes to a 21st century literacy skill set.

The story The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein was read and performed for our primary students by Laura and Andy followed by a family cuddle up and read with popcorn and an invitation for each child to add their personal commitment of giving to our St. Theresa Giving Tree. This tree served as a symbol of our commitment at St. Theresa to God, our brothers and sisters both at school and within the community.

Building literacy skills is not just an academic journey, it is a spiritual journey and a covenant with God – an agreement that we will use and share our creativity, our knowledge, our skills and our ability to effectively communicate to bring glory to God and all of His creation. St. Theresa, in response to our servant leader, Jesus Christ, truly does give back!