

IDEAS AND GUIDELINES “EXECUTING RIF DAY/WEEK”

1. Decorating to fit your theme creates a festive atmosphere. You and your team may want to wear costumes!
2. Reading/Storytelling...this is where all your preplanning will really pay off, as you and visiting readers/storytellers share with the children! Be imaginative...use props!
3. Motivational activities, such as performances, choral reading, crafts, or songs actively involve the children to make the moment even more memorable.
4. Book selection is the heart of RIF Day...make sure and have at least 1 ½ books per child displayed to allow for a wide choice. Each child makes his or her own book selection, receives a RIF bookplate stamp in the front, and has his or her name written within the stamp. He or she now has ownership!
5. Extend the fun! If you wish, you can serve refreshments and give out bookmarks or other theme related items. Be sure to have volunteers on hand to help with any refreshments, stamp books, write names in books, and to be available to read with children who just can't wait to get started with their chosen books.
6. Take pictures of your distribution to display at your school and to share with us!
7. Within the next week, send your Distribution Report and also a brief article with pictures for the RIF Newsletter to your Area Chairperson. We will be happy to share your wonderful RIF event with National RIF as well!