

Our Herbert's Wormhole program details:

We started with kids choosing future "attachments" to their names out of a paper bag (they thusly became Matthewville, Mikashire, New Soren, Aidenvillage, Ms. Heatherburg, etc.)

Each had a slice of "Andretti's" pizza.

We started the trivia (we didn't score it), each person in turn having a chance to choose a question, and then be the first to answer it. If they couldn't answer it, everyone helped out.

When we came to the question about "what dessert the aliens look like," and it was answered, we handed out "sewer sludge jello" (lime and orange jello mixed together, I think all together it was the cheapest snack ever, and they LOVED it.)

When we finished the board, we asked a final bonus question, with a minute or two to answer it. When they had all written their answers, we shared, and the person with the most correct answers got first choice of a free paperback book (and then everyone else got one too... culled from booksale donations and advanced reader copies.

Here's the question we used (not on the Jeopardy board)

Name some of Sammi's planned out-of-school activities.

Possible Answers:

- Swim meet*
- Rock climbing*
- Black belt in Jujitsu*
- Greco Roman wrestling*
- Acrobat circus*
- Extreme gymnastics*
- Lassie League MVP (softball)*
- No previous ski-diving experience*
- Hang Gliding*
- Kung Fu*
- Soap Making*
- Soccer*
- Ballet*

After that we made slime from glue and borax... then an hour and ten minutes had passed, and everyone went home VERY happy.

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Notes on the Jeopardy Board:

- it is a blank board, with macros embedded in it. You can download the original "blank" at cnet download, called powerpoint jeopardy, at http://download.cnet.com/Powerpoint-Jeopardy/3000-2051_4-10595468.html?tag=mncol:2
- When you launch the program, You MUST, you MUST ENABLE the macros.
- I make it full screen, then forward it one screen manually, return BACK to the original screen, then press START. For some reasons the number buttons don't always show up in full screen mode if you don't do that. Don't know why.
- Give yourself a few minutes to play with the program AHEAD of time.
- You can use the scoring program and the timer, but Amber and I both prefer NOT to do it, and use a separate timer and score sheet. It helps avoid snafus.

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