

## Make Reading a Funtastic Family Priority!

**FAMILY NIGHTS** will be well attended as students beg their parents to come back for a concert and a play (no rehearsal needed). Once again the program will begin with Ronda at the keyboards singing and playing an interactive song entitled *Memorable, Magical Moments* with everyone recalling special moments in their childhood. She will continue to share true hilarious, mischievous details about life on Friendly Acres that every family member can relate to. Students will perform alongside Ronda at the keyboard two songs entitled - *Love You to the Moon and Back!* and *There's No End in Friend*.

The show stopper of the evening will be when the students along with their parents act out *P.U. You Stink* and dress up as pigs, skunks, and stinkbugs to defeat the evil foxes - *Eeany-Meany, Miney and Moe* (played by teachers and administrators). The moral of the story, in the end, is the "family who stinks together - sticks together!" This unique series - *Wild & Wacky Animal Tales* - is one of a kind in the children's publishing world. The book is written two different ways on the same page - in prose for older students and in rhyme for younger children. The evening will conclude with parents hugging their children as everyone sings - *Love Me to Bed* which emphasizes the importance of reading to their children each night.

An R. Friend Family Night is great in conjunction with PTA/PTO hosted Family Read Nights, Dr. Seuss Read Across America, AR or Reading Counts Celebration and Family Literacy Nights. Whether your family night becomes a pajama night, superhero night, favorite athletic team jerseys nights or students and families dress up as farmers for the *Down On Friendly Acres* theme - one thing is for sure - you will have a memorable magical moment - guaranteed.

The goal of the family night program is the importance of taking time to make Memorable, Magical Moments with your children. And that means lots of reading together! The more parents read to their children and their children read to them the better the world becomes for future generations.

National Core Art Standards come into play in every facet of Ronda's presentation. There is storytelling, theatre, dance, media and visual arts all rolled into one presentation. Creating, performing, responding and connecting makes an R. Friend presentation a family affair - connecting generations, tickling your funny bones and touching your heart. Families will leave knowing that we are all farmers in spirit and are in this world to L.eave A. M.ark B.ehind by using the gifts and talents each of us have been given.