

A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket

Ideas compiled from listserv, PUBYAC

Possible titles for your event:

SORRY SOIREE; SOME UNFORTUNATE MEETINGS (a series of book talks/discussion groups); Snicket Day

Possible snacks for your event:

Lemon cupcakes; lemon drops; lemonade; crunchy snacks (like Violet would like); lemon bars; gummy worms; "eye" crackers (made with olives); foot shaped cookies; Worms and bug juice (punch with raisins and gummy worms in it);

Use a local theater Group to produce a play of the wedding in the first book

Prepare the "ambience" with creepy music.

Use the official (unofficial) web site: www.lemonysnicket.com

Parody the countdown calendar. Make a calendar countdown to your event—perhaps beginning with October 29, the publication date of the new book!

Look at Concord Free Library web site to see their program:

www.concordnet.org/library/Children/childrens.html Click on Events, then click on Lemony Snicket.

Make connections to the sailors aboard the Prospero in The Unauthorized Autobiography.

The sailors names are Kerr,

Gantos, Whelan, Cleary, Creech, Danzinger, etc.

GAMES/ACTIVITIES:

The party game "Murder" or "Killer," but rename it "The Count Olaf" game:

Children begin by walking around the room and shaking hands with each other. Whoever is "it" (Count Olaf) scratches the wrist of someone while shaking their hand. Then, THAT person shakes hands with one of two more people who then die dramatically.

Count Olaf do NOT scratch the wrist of every single person he shakes hands with, to allow victims their time in the spotlight (and to avoid detection!)

As the victims die off, the remaining players try to deduce who the Count is. (Of course, the victims can't tell!)

Once, Count Olaf has been detected, the game can begin again.

Trivia Game

Scavenger Hunt

Coughing Contest (like Mr. Poe)

Biting Contest (like Sunny—give kids eyeball gum to chew up and see who can blow a bubble the fastest)

Have an "eyeball" stamp to stamp everyone's left ankle.

Sort kids who attend into groups/teams of Sunny, Violet, Klaus or Count Olaf using colored stickers.

Have "stations" set up for various activities—word find sheets, "secret in a message" sheets, a coughing contest, Guess-the-number-of-lemon-drops-in-the-jar, scavenger hunt using reference books, play dough to create snakes leeches etc.

As each group/team finished a station, an eye stamp was put on their team "paper"

Kids got points for everything. Prizes for everyone!

Crafts:

Make an "invention" with a variety of stuff from your craft supplies (Discussion weird inventions. The book, Mistakes that Worked might be helpful.)

Make clay creatures that are featured in the books—snakes, leeches etc.

Make macaroni skeletons.

Make fuzzy spiders.

Make slime.

Make disguises (like Count Olaf)