Board Report Jerome Prairie Elementary School

June 4, 2009

Number of students: 218 K- 30, 1<sup>st</sup>- 47, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 30, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 40, 4<sup>th</sup>- 36, 5<sup>th</sup>- 35

We are preparing for our fifth grade "Moving On" ceremony and reflecting on the successes and the challenges we have seen this year. On the state assessment our fifth grade class had 91% meet or exceed the standard in reading, 86% meet or exceed in science and 74% meet or exceed in math. Across all grades we have continued to see excellent results in reading achievement. Unfortunately, our math results slipped in all three grades and will be a major focus of staff development for next year along with our continued efforts to improve student writing. We hope the board will approve the plan for a two hour late start the last Friday of each month. This will provide us with some much needed time for training.

Our major event for spring was our Celebration of Learning on May 28. Over two-thirds of our students and parents came for the evening's activities which included a dedication of our new field improvements, students singings performances, volunteer appreciation, classroom displays of student projects, PTO book fair, and free pizza and cake for everyone. It was a great success with many compliments from parents.

As we prepare to close for the summer we are working on student classroom assignments and classified schedules for next year. We feel fortunate to not have lost any teachers for next year and only three hours of assistant time. We are looking forward to meeting the challenges that lay ahead in what are still uncertain economic times. I am truly fortunate to have a staff dedicated to have a staff dedicated to doing their best for our children.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Fuller