Homedale Elementary School Memo

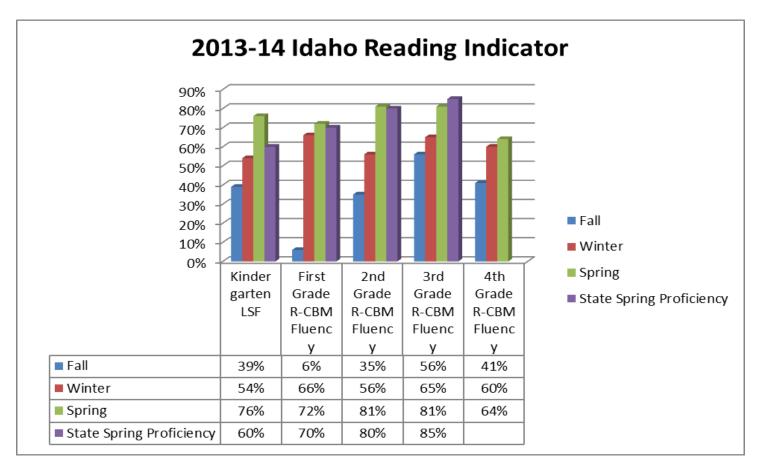
To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer From: Terri Vasquez, Principal Date: May 12, 2014 Re: Report to Board of Trustees



ENROLLMENT:

AM Kindergarten: 62 ELL Kindergarten (AM): 12 PM Kindergarten: 32 1st Grade: 78 2nd Grade: 100 3rd Grade: 91 4th Grade: 103 Special Day (COSSA): 13

IRI DATA: This is very raw data as we just finished assessments. Students in grades K-3 who were not enrolled 90% of the school year will not count in the final totals. The state requires that each grade level meet proficiency levels or make at least 5% growth from Fall to Spring. Each grade level met the requirements.



<u>**4**</u>th **GRADE PREPARES FOR MOVE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL:** On May 1st, Ms. Winters met with the 4th grade students to introduce herself, talk about procedures and expectations at HMS, and answer any questions they may have before they visit the middle school on May 8th. This proactive approach helps calm nerves and put some fears to rest.

<u>YMCA "Make a Splash" Program</u>: The second leading cause of death in the United States for children between the ages of 2 and 14 is drowning (Source: CDC) and Idaho ranks 3rd in the country for drowning rates, although it is a land-locked state (CDC). The YMCA is doing everything they can to change these statistics.

Treasure Valley Family YMCA, in conjunction with USA Swimming/Y USA is providing free-of-charge the Make a Splash (M-A-S) program to all our 3rd grade students from May 5-15, 2014. Make a Splash is a national child-focused water safety initiative created by the USA Swimming Foundation with the goal of teaching every child in America how to swim. Aligning the "learn to swim" efforts of providers across the country, M-A-S saves lives. Partnering with local schools is a proactive approach to teaching basic swimming and safety skills along with hands-on fun that reaches children of all ethnicities and economic situations. At the Treasure Valley Family YMCA, M-A-S lessons are taught by experienced and certified instructors, with no more than a 6 to 1 student-to-instructor ratio, assuring that the participants will learn important skills while receiving the time and support necessary to be successful. While half the students learn to swim, the other half are on "dry land" enjoying activities such as cardio-fitness games, rock climbing activities, water and science experiments, and educational sessions with local EMT and law enforcement agencies.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 12 First Grade to Zoo Boise
- May 13 Spring Concert for 3rd & 4th Grades
- May 15 Kindergarten Field Day
- May 16 3rd & 4th Field Day, Picnic Day
- May 19 1st & 2nd Field Day, Third Grade to Discovery Center
- May 20 Bikes for Books Assembly, Volunteer Tea
- May 22 Kindergarten Graduation